

The Christmas Story
1. In the town of Nazareth, Angel Gabriel told Mary and Joseph that they would have a baby called Jesus, who would be the son of God.
<b>2. Mary and Joseph travelled over the hills of Galilee to Bethlehem on a Donkey.</b>
3. Arriving at Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph were unable to find any rooms to stay in.
<b>4. Fortunately, a kind innkeeper said they could stay in his stable.</b>
5. Mary gave birth to baby Jesus , wrapped him in cloth and laid him in a manger.
<b>6. Nearby, an angel sent by God told some Shepherds the son of God had been born in Bethlehem.</b>
7. When the shepherds arrived at the stable they knelt down and worshipped him. They said how he would be the saviour of the world.
<b>8. Far in the east, three wise men saw a new star shining in the sky. They discovered that a bright new star, meant a great ruler had been born.</b>
9. The three wise men, followed the star to Jerusalem and asked to see the new saviour. King Herod was troubled, as he thought this new King would take away his throne.
<b>10. Guided by the star to Bethlehem, they gave the baby Jesus gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh</b>
11. In their dreams, an angel warned them that King Herod wanted to kill Jesus and told them not to go back.
<b>12. Joseph had a dream, where an angel told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt, as King Herod had ordered all baby boys in Bethlehem be killed in order to stop Jesus.</b>

The Good Samaritan	
Jesus was asked how to get into heaven by a lawyer. He explained you must love God and your neighbour.	
<b>The lawyer was confused and did not understand who was his neighbour.</b>	
Jesus told the story of a man attacked by thieves. They stripped him of clothes, beat him and left him half dead.	
<b>A priest walked down the road, but when he saw the man he moved to the other side and left him.</b>	
A lawyer also saw the half dead man and walked passed him.	
<b>However, a Samaritan saw the man and took pity on him. He bandaged his wounds, put the man on a donkey and took him to the nearest inn.</b>	
He gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.	
<b>When Jesus asked the lawyer who he thought was the neighbour in the story, he replied “the man who had mercy on him.”</b>	
Jesus told him “Go and do likewise.”	
<b>The parable of The Good Samaritan explains the importance of loving and caring for others. It shouldn't matter who that person is, you should always try and help other people (your neighbours)</b>	
Key vocabulary	
<b>Shepherd</b>	A person who tends and rears sheep.
<b>Angel (Gabriel)</b>	A spiritual being, who acts as a messenger for God
<b>Manger</b>	A long trough from which animals feed from.
<b>Frankincense</b>	A tree resin used in perfumes and fragrances
<b>Samaritan</b>	A charitable or helpful person.
<b>Myrrh</b>	Another type of tree resin used for perfume and fragrances
<b>Christmas</b>	The time when christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ