

Christmas: Teacher's topic guide

God is Lord and King Yr 6

Spiritual Awareness

At Christmas we celebrate Jesus who God sent into the world to save us. Through His birth and death, we have eternal life and peace with God. He is our redeemer.

Our response to 'God is Lord and King'

Because God is Lord and King I will...

Ask Jesus to forgive me for my sin

Invite Him to live in my life

Make Jesus Lord of my life

Live with Him forever

Thank Him for what He did on the cross

Thank Him that I am His child

Tell others that they can have eternal life

Bible references:

Bible stories and passages

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-40 – The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12 – The Visit of the Magi

Luke 2: 8-20 – The shepherds and the angels

Matthew 1 – Descendants of David through Jesus Christ

Numbers 24:17 – Star of Jacob, Star of David

Memory verses

Luke 2:11 – For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

Matthew 1:21 – “Mary will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”

Isaiah 9:6 – A child is born to us! A Son is given to us! And He will be our ruler. He will be called “Wonderful”, “Counselor”, “Mighty God”, “Eternal Father”, “Prince of Peace”.

Isaiah 26:3 You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.

A Christmas Play

Characters: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, Inn-keeper, slave, three people to open doors, six shepherds, star, narrator

Scene 1

Mary and Joseph are in the street. Mary is seated on a donkey.

Mary: I am so tired, Joseph. Could we find a place to sleep?

Joseph: Yes Mary. We will stop at once. We have come a long way.

Narrator: Joseph went to the inn. He knocked at the door.

Joseph: Hello. Do you have a room for us? We are so tired.

Inn-keeper: I am sorry. Many people have come to pay their taxes. I have no rooms left.

Narrator: Joseph walked sadly back to Mary.

Joseph: I am sorry Mary. We will have to look somewhere else. You wait here on the donkey. I will go quickly.

Narrator: So Joseph knocked on many doors.

Joseph: Have you room for two people please?

Person 1: I'm sorry our rooms are full.

Joseph: Have you room for two people please?

Person 2: I'm sorry our rooms are full.

Joseph: Have you room for two people please?

Person 3: I'm sorry our rooms are full.

Narrator: Joseph went back to Mary.

Joseph: Mary, I will try once more at the inn.

Mary: Thank you Joseph. We must find a place.

Joseph: Hello again. I cannot find anywhere to stay. Can you think of a place? My wife is so tired and she's going to have a baby soon.

Inn-keeper: I have no room...But wait! If you do not mind, you can sleep in the stable.

Narrator: He called a slave to help.

Inn-keeper: Ben, bring me a broom and bring me some clean hay.

Narrator: The slave brought the broom and the hay and gave them to Joseph.

Inn-keeper: Go with Ben. He will take you to the stable.

Scene 2 In the stable

Joseph: Mary, I have swept this corner. Come and lie down on this fresh clean hay.

Narrator: Joseph helped Mary to lie down and get comfortable.

Joseph: I will put our donkey over here near the cows. And I'll clean out the manger and fill it with clean fresh hay ready for the baby.

Mary: Thank you Joseph. You have made everything so clean and comfortable.

Narrator: That night a baby boy was born to Mary and Joseph. They named Him Jesus. In the early morning light Joseph and Mary looked at the baby in Mary's arms.

Mary: God has been so kind to us. I will let him sleep now.

Narrator: Mary gently placed Baby Jesus in the manger.

Joseph: Mary, come over here and look at this big shining star! I'm sure God sent it to welcome our baby.

Mary: Look, I see some shepherds coming. They don't usually come to town.

Narrator: The shepherds were following the star which led them to the stable.

1st Shepherd: May we come in please? Many angels have been singing to us.

2nd Shepherd: One angel told us that here in the city of David a very special child has been born, and that He would be the Saviour of the world.

3rd Shepherd: And He would be Christ the Lord.

4th Shepherd: The angel told us that we would find the baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger.

5th Shepherd: We came as quickly as we could. We saw that big star above the stable.

6th Shepherd: We want to kneel before this baby and worship Him.

Narrator: Mary lifted up the baby to show Him to the shepherd. They knelt down in front of Jesus and worshipped Him.

Christmas Art

Candle decorations

You will need:

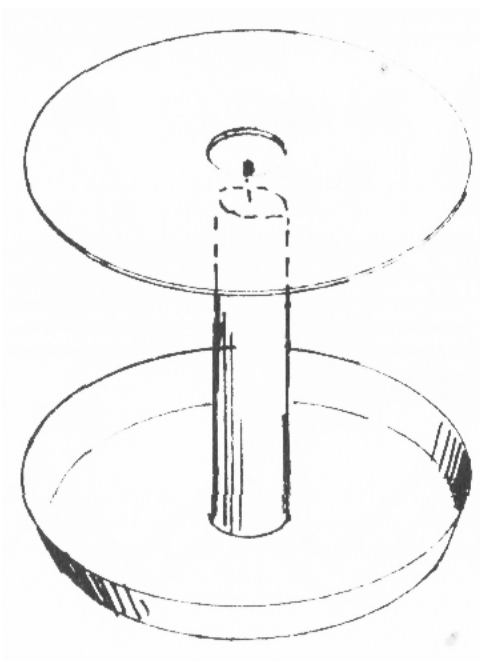
Plaster of Paris

Small aluminium plates with sides (pie plates)

Medium sized candles

Place candle on the plate. Make a circular card cover with a hole in the centre to hold the candle in position for when you pour the plaster.

Now fill the dish with the Plaster of Paris mixture, then place the cover on top, with the candle sticking through the hold. When the Plaster of Paris is completely dry, remove the cover. Spread craft glue over the surface of the set Plaster of Paris. Decorate with sequins, glitter, ribbon etc. You can also use sprayed or dyed curly pasta.



Christmas word search

X	S	Y	T	V	W	J	E	S	U	S
T	H	O	R	I	I	V	W	X	G	R
N	E	S	J	O	S	E	P	H	O	G
B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	D	S
A	H	F	T	R	M	A	R	Y	D	A
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Y	R	Z	M	A	N	G	E	R	V	T
K	D	H	E	R	O	D	M	L	H	P

Joseph
Herod
Wisemen
Baby
Manger
Mary
Bethlehem
Jesus
Shepherd
Gold
East
Angel

Thinking Skills Lord & King Yr 6

<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas 1</p> <p>Invent a Christmas holiday. Tell of a journey by imagination to Bethlehem at the time when Jesus was born.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas 2</p> <p>Brainstorm 5 reasons why you would rather celebrate Christmas in Australia rather than China.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas 3</p> <p>Name 10 possible Christmas presents for children in Bangladesh.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas 4</p> <p>Think of 5 different ways to share the Christmas story.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas 5</p> <p>The answer is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“God’s Gift”.</p> <p>Make up 5 questions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas 6</p> <p>What if the Christmas celebration did not exist?</p> <p>Write down 5 possible consequences.</p>

A Christmas Play: Free Gift

Scene 1:

Evangelist:

“Free gift...free gift...to all those willing to receive.” (repeat)

(Some shopper pass by, paying no attention. Then two shoppers stop and show interest.)

1st Shopper:

Are you giving out Christmas gifts or something?

Evangelist:

Well, not exactly. I’m just offering ONE Christmas gift.

2nd Shopper:

Where is it? I don’t see any presents lying around.

Evangelist:

It’s the free gift that God gave to the whole world on the first Christmas... the gift of His Son, Jesus.

1st Shopper:

What do you mean? How can God’s Son be a gift?

Evangelist:

It’s quite simple. If you believe in Him and ask Him into your life, He’ll forgive you for all you have done wrong and help you make a new start in life. Here...I’ll show you.

(Reading from a small Bible which is brought out of the pocket...)

“For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. Whoever believes in Him shall not die but have everlasting life.”

1st Shopper

I guess that’s one gift I could really do with this Christmas.

2nd Shopper:

Me too. Thanks for telling us about it.

Evangelist:

That’s a pleasure. Here’s a St. John’s Gospel – it’s a section of the Bible. It will tell you more about it.

Shoppers: Thank you. Bye.

Scene 2

Evangelist:

“Free gift...free gift...to all those willing to receive.” (repeat)

Two more shoppers (Shoppers no. 3 and 4) stop and show interest.

3rd Shopper:

What’s this free gift you’re talking about?

4th Shopper:

Yeah... I don’t see any gift!

Evangelist:

It’s God’s Son. He came to us at Christmas.

3rd Shopper:

How do you get this gift?

Evangelist:

All you have to do is ask... Ask Jesus, God’s Son to forgive you for all you have done wrong, and follow Him. He has a place in Heaven for all who believe.

4th Shopper:

But I’m a good person already. I believe in the Ten Commandments. You know... don’t lie. don’t steal, don’t kill and all that.

3rd Shopper:

Yeah, me too. If you try your best that’s all that counts. Who needs the free gift when you can do it yourself?

Evangelist:

Obedying the Ten Commandments is important, but not enough. You have to accept the free gift that Jesus offers, to become a child of God.

4th Shopper:

Sounds too simple. I’m happy the way I am. Come on, let’s go.

Evangelist:

(reading from the Bible)

“For to all who received Him, to them He gave the power to become the children of God.”

“Free gift...Free gift...” (walking off stage)

Christmas ABC

A is for angel appearing so bright, telling of Jesus that first Christmas night.

B is for Bethlehem, crowded and old, birthplace of Jesus by prophets foretold.

C is for cattle, their manger His bed, there in the trough Jesus laid His head.

D is for donkey, on which Mary rode, travelling to Bethlehem with a heavy load.

E is for East where there shone a bright star, wise men on camels, followed it from afar.

F is for frankincense, with myrrh and gold, brought by the wisemen as Matthew has told.

G is for Father God in heaven above, who sent His Son, Jesus. What amazing love!

H is for Herod, whose evil scheme, was shown to Joseph one night in a dream.

I is for Immanuel, which means 'God with us', Jesus is with us, alive in our hearts.

J is for Joseph, so honest and just, obeying God's word with absolute trust.

K is for King, a true King He would be, coming in power and authority.

L is for love that He brought down to earth, God became man when Mary gave birth.

M is for Mary, His mother so brave, she believed 'God is faithful and mighty to save.'

N is for night, when the Saviour was born, for all nations on earth, on the first Christmas morn.

O is for Omega, which means 'the last', Jesus is always there, present, future and past.

P is for prophets, when living on earth, foretold of His coming and the Saviour's birth.

Q is for quickly, as the shepherds who heard, hurried to Bethlehem at the angels' word.

R is for 'rejoice' when Jesus comes in, to be Lord of our life, to forgive us for sin.

S is for Saviour. This is why Jesus came, there's salvation and healing in Jesus' name.

T is for tidings, tidings of joy, the world was awaiting the birth of this baby boy.

U is for us, to whom Jesus was given, to show us the way, and take us to Heaven.

V is for victory, for through Jesus' birth, God brought victory over sin with His death on the cross.

W is for wonderful, His works and His word, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

X is for Christ. It's X in Greek, anointed Messiah, mighty yet meek.

Y is for yes. We say yes to His word, God's offer to all is Jesus the Lord.

Z is for zeal in a Christian's heart, to tell all people, we can make a new start.

What is Christmas all about?

A play for four people, plus a group of singers

A shopper enters, carrying shopping bags and a very long shopping list.

Shopper 1:

Now let's see... I've got presents for Grandma, Grandpa... Oh, what on earth can I buy for Uncle George? Might have to make do with some socks again.

(An Interviewer enters - making a TV program on people's thoughts on Christmas – has a microphone, labelled "Star TV", for interviewing people.)

Interviewer:

"Excuse me, I'm from Star TV, getting people's thoughts on Christmas. What does Christmas mean to you?"

Shopper 1:

Well actually, it's the same every year...rushing here and there...trying to get all the Christmas shopping done. I don't really know why we do it. Anyone would think it's someone's birthday or something!"

Interviewer: (holding microphone to another passer-by)

And what about you *madam/sir*? What does Christmas mean to you?

Shopper 2:

Well for me, it's all about the food. Nothing like a good Christmas dinner with all the family.

Interviewer: (holding microphone to another passer-by)

And what about you *madam/sir*? What does Christmas mean to you?

Shopper 3:

Well Christmas is really about God's love and power.

Interviewer: (steps back - surprised)

You're talking about Baby Jesus?

Shopper 3:

Yes.

Interviewer:

Isn't that just a story – about the shepherds and angels and all that? And how could a baby have power?

Shopper 3:

Well, the Christmas story is actually a true story. There is evidence in the writings of the Bible, and history books as well. It's more than a story about a cute little baby. Jesus was God's Son. When He grew up, He healed the sick, made blind people see, and through His death on the cross, He could forgive people and bring them back to God.

Interviewer:

Maybe back then. But Jesus died over 2000 years ago. Surely, He can't have power today.

Shopper 3:

Jesus is alive today. After His death He came alive again and His Spirit is in the world right now. The Bible tells us that whoever receives Him can become a child of God.

Carollers *(Christmas singers) enter and sing "Joy to the World". (Interviewer takes microphone to record them.)*

Joy to the world! The Lord has come

Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart

Prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing

And heaven and nature sing

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing