

Y3/4: Why is light an important symbol of Christmas? How is light used at Diwali and Hanukkah?

Key Vocabulary	
Jesus	Accepted by Christians as the Son of God.
Light of the World	A phrase Jesus used to describe himself.
Christingle	An object used to represent Jesus, the Light of the World. Used by many Christian churches during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.
incarnation	Christian belief in Jesus as the Son of God.
Saviour	Christian belief in Jesus as the one who saves us.
dreidl	A 4-sided spinning top used during the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.
Hanukkah	Jewish Winter festival celebrating the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.
Hanukkiah	The 9 branched menorah(candlestick) lit by Jews during Hanukkah.
Jerusalem Temple	Site of God's home on Earth in Jewish belief at the time of Jesus.

<p>Prior learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils will have studied the main events of the Christmas story and why it is Good News. Pupils will be familiar with the Jewish festival of Sukkot.
<p>Future Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils will study how celebrations around Christmas differ in different Christian denominations. Pupils will explore the Jewish festival of Passover.



Key Learning Self-Assessment	✓	?
I know:		
that we believe Jesus is the light of the world.		
that the light of Jesus bring hope in dark places.		
that Hanukkah is a Jewish festival of light.		
that Diwali is a Hindu festival of lights.		
I can:		
tell stories about Jesus bringing light into people's lives.		
talk about the lives of people who bring Jesus light into the world.		
tell you about the stories and traditions of Hanukkah and Diwali.		
use good vocabulary to talk about the symbolism of Jesus as light.		
ask good questions about things that have interested me.		

Big Ideas Key Concepts



Incarnation



Salvation



God