

Y5/6: Why are the stories of Christmas different in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke?

Key Vocabulary	
saviour	Christian title for Jesus as the one who saves.
Messiah	Title of the promised saviour of the Jews
gospel	The good news about Jesus or one of the 4 books in the New Testament where his stories are found.
Matthew	Gospel writer of the first book in the New Testament. Keen to present Jesus as the promised Jewish Messiah.
Luke	Gospel writer of the third book in the New Testament. Keen to present Jesus as the saviour for all.
incarnation	Christian belief in Jesus as the Son of God.
salvation	Christians believe to be saved through Jesus.
Nativity	The birth of Jesus.
Herod	Judean king at the time of Jesus' birth

- Prior learning**
- Pupils will be familiar with the events in the nativity story.
 - Pupils should understand the Christian belief in the incarnation.

Big Ideas Key Concepts



Incarnation

Salvation

Key Learning Self-Assessment	✓	?
I know:		
that the nativity story is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke		
the true meaning of Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, Messiah.		
that different denominations of Christianity hold differing views about Mary.		
that the gospel writers each had a different purpose for writing.		
I can:		
identify which parts of the nativity story can be found in each Gospel.		
tell you about the audiences Matthew and Luke were writing for.		
identify the influence the two stories have on our Christmas celebrations.		
describe the Christian beliefs revealed in the nativity story.		
talk about the different views of the importance of Mary.		

