

## Memory Verse of the Month: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.” John 3:16



| Theme & Bible Story                                                                   | Key Concepts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Big Idea           |
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| <b>6-7 November</b><br><br><b>Angel and Mary/Joseph</b> Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-56 | <p><u>Overview:</u> Angel Gabriel tells Mary and Joseph that Mary is favoured to carry Jesus.</p> <p><u>Underpin:</u> Mary was chosen and favoured by God to carry the most important message – Jesus. She didn’t feel worthy, but acted out of obedience. It would have been a very difficult thing to understand and that is why God sent an angel to both Mary and Joseph to show the supernatural and miraculous nature of it all. Today, <b>we’re all favoured by God to carry His message</b> of Jesus – what a privilege and honour, just like Mary.</p>                                                                      | Jesus is God’s Son |
| <b>13-14 November</b><br><br><b>Jesus is born in a stable</b> Luke 2:1-7              | <p><u>Overview:</u> Jesus is born in a stable and placed in a manger.</p> <p><u>Underpin:</u> Jesus is God - in our human understanding we would think that He should have been born in a palace with all the embellishment that a king deserves. But God doesn’t think like that. God isn’t after our attention with all the sparkles it brings, <b>God is after our hearts</b> – which carries far more treasures. That is why Jesus’ birth caught a lot of people off guard – they expected Him to arrive like a king, but instead, He was humbly born in a stable.</p>                                                           | Jesus is God’s Son |
| <b>20-21 November</b><br><br><b>Angels tell the Shepherds</b> Luke 2:8-20             | <p><u>Overview:</u> The Angels announce Jesus’ birth to some shepherds.</p> <p><u>Underpin:</u> On the night Jesus was born the shepherds were probably thinking this was another ordinary night doing their job. Suddenly they came face-to-face with angels celebrating Jesus’ birth. Their ordinary night turned into the most spectacular night of their lives as they got to see and worship their Saviour at his birth. At times we may feel our lives are ‘ordinary’, but God wants to <b>break through supernaturally</b> and spectacularly to give you the same message of hope and awe for your life – if you let Him.</p> | Jesus is God’s Son |
| <b>27-28 November</b><br><br><b>Wise men give gifts</b> Matthew 2:1-12                | <p><u>Overview:</u> The Wise Men follow a star to worship Jesus.</p> <p><u>Underpin:</u> God was so excited to announce the Saviour was here that He put a special star in the sky. For the wise men this was a ‘sign’ of something significant that ultimately pointed the way to Jesus. In our lives God is at work, constantly putting ‘signs’ along the way that <b>point to Him</b>. Jesus’ birth was all about God’s love to reconcile us with Him. What ‘signs’ are along your path that point you to God and the hope He has for you?</p>                                                                                    | Jesus is God’s Son |