

Key Questions

Why do you think God chose Mary? What did Mary say to the Angel? How do you think Mary felt when the Angel spoke to her?

Why do you think Mary went to see Elizabeth? What news did Mary have for Elizabeth? What do you think she said to her?

How do we know Mary is the Mother of Jesus? Why do you think Mary looks after us? How do you think she does this?

What surprises you about the birth of Jesus? What do you think is most amazing about Jesus' birth? What do you think happened when Jesus was born? How do you think Mary and Joseph were feeling? Who heard the news first? How did they hear?

Key Vocabulary

Jesus

Bible

Annunciation

angels

Visitation

Hail Mary

Gloria

Big Ideas

The focus of this branch is for pupils to develop an early understanding of the Christian belief

pupils will journey through the life of Jesus following the Gospel of St Luke. The focus of learning is on, the importance of Mary's 'Yes' to God and the presence of angels who are God's messengers and protectors and point to the divine nature of Christ.

Pupils will experience Advent traditions, participate in nativity plays, see the Christmas crib, and learn Christmas carols with the traditions that run alongside the Christmas season. children will understand that Mary has a special closeness to Jesus, and when Catholics say the 'Hail Mary' prayer, they draw close to Jesus.

Sources:

The Religious Education Directory

Vine and Branches

Autumn 2 Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise

Knowledge Lens Content

Hear

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will have studied the following key texts:

- The Annunciation (Lk 1: 26-38, focusing on 1:26-32, 38)
- The Visitation (Lk 1:39-45)
- The Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:4-8)
- The Visit of the Shepherds (Lk 2:8-20)

Believe

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches:

- Because God loves us, he gave us his only Son, Jesus.
- God called Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus.
- Mary said 'Yes' to God's call.
- Angels bring God's message and are a sign that Jesus is the Son of God.
- The stories about Jesus are in a special book called the Bible.

Knowledge Lens Content

Celebrate

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:

- We ask Mary to pray with us and for us and to comfort us in times of need, especially using the prayer Hail Mary.

By the end of this unit of study pupils will:

- Hear and begin to join in with the words of the Hail Mary.
- Hear or sing the first phrase of the Gloria, recognising it as the angels' song of praise to God.

Live

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches:

- How Catholics around the world show honour to Mary, including diverse representations in art, sculpture, and music.
- How Christians in their local community celebrate the birth of Jesus.