

Year 4 RE Knowledge Organiser: Christmas Journeys

What? - Key Vocabulary

Bethlehem

In Hebrew Bethlehem means 'House of Bread' It is a city 10 km south of Jerusalem in the West Bank, Palestine. Joseph was required to return here as it was his ancestor's birth town to register in a Roman census.

Pilgrimage

A journey, often into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or expanded meaning and experience about their self or a religion. It can have a deeper belief. After this the pilgrim returns to their daily life.

Site

A place where evidence of the past is protected and re-searched.

Nativity

The place or occasion of a person's birth. In this story, Jesus' birth.

Art representation

The portrayal and description of a scene or person through art.

Motivation

Reasons for acting in a particular way

Infanticide

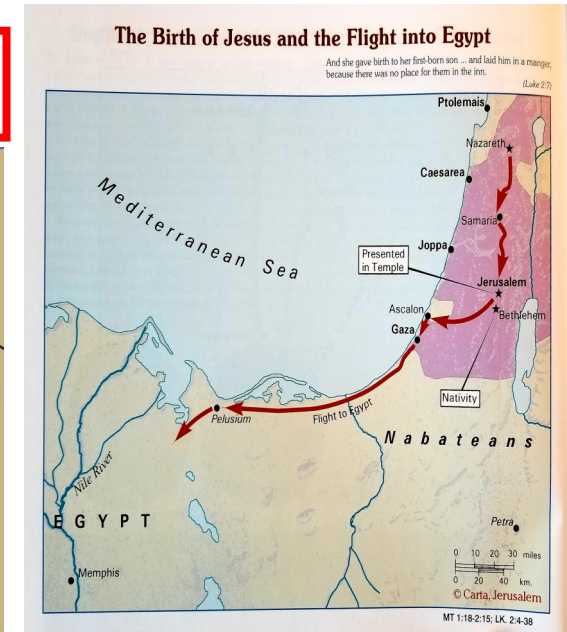
The crime of killing a child usually before they are 1.

Refugee

a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

Census

An official count or survey of a population.



Core Knowledge

Bethlehem is a significant location to Christians and is mentioned in the Bible in the gospels, Matthew and Luke.

Christians today may want to visit Bethlehem to see the site where Jesus was born on a pilgrimage.

Pilgrimages are journeys believers go on to visit special sites and to deepen their beliefs, for example Muslims will complete Hajj, a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem from Nazareth to take part in a Roman census or count of the people.

Journeys and pilgrimages in Bible times would have been much more dangerous than today.

Shepherds were the outcasts of society in Bible times—being visited by angels would have been terrifying!

Shepherds and Wise Men visiting Jesus shows Jesus came for all men, not just poor or rich but everyone. The gifts that the Wise Men gave to Jesus show who they believe Jesus was.

Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt with Jesus because King Herod ordered an infanticide, all babies under 2 to be killed.