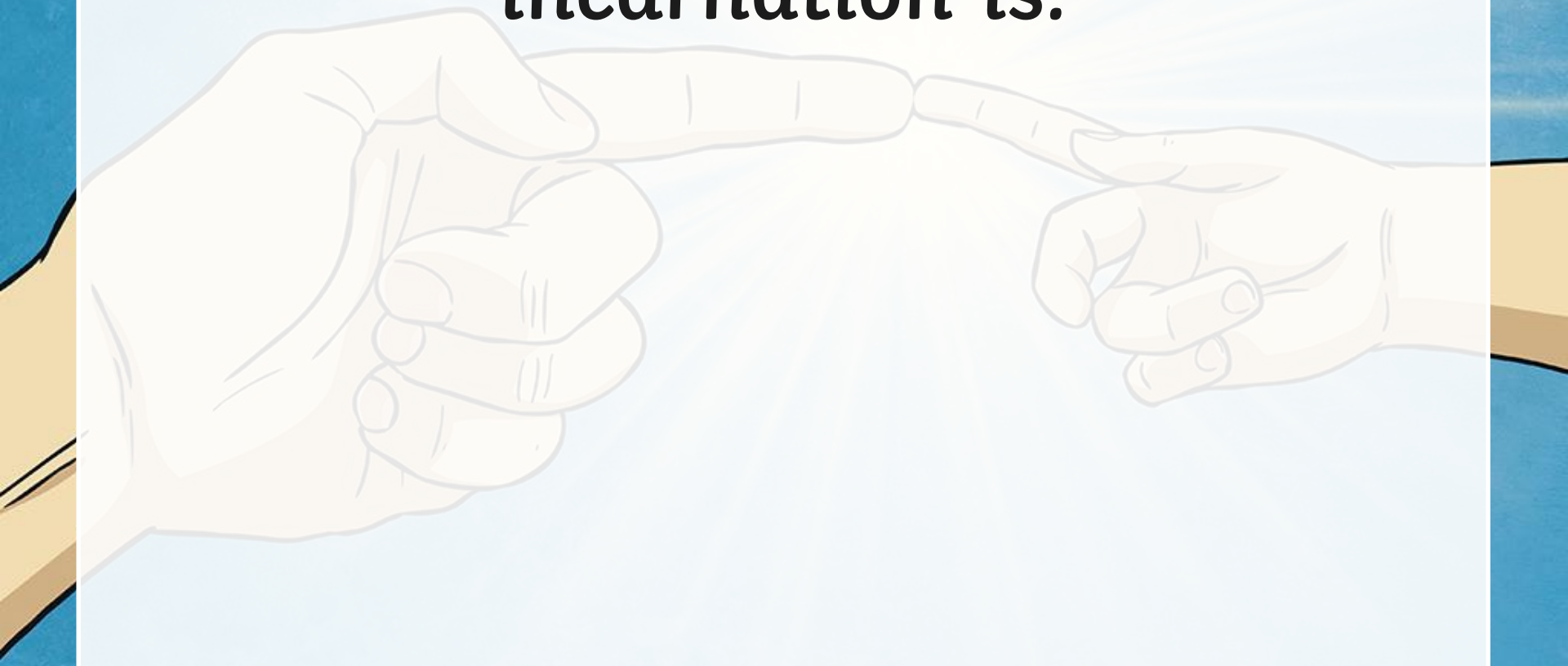
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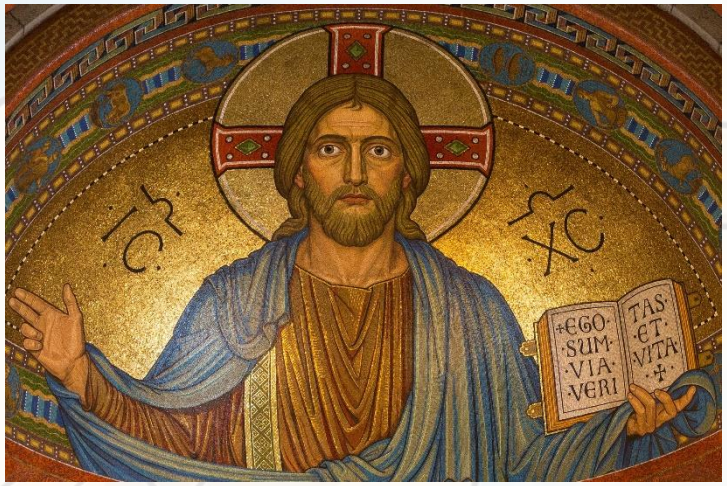
LO: To understand what incarnation is.



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Who?

Who do these images show?





The pictures show a man called Jesus.
He is a very special person to all Christians.

Can you think of any other special people in Christianity?
How many can you think of in one minute?

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Who?

Christians believe in one God. They also believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that God exists as the Holy Spirit.

God the Father	God the Son	God the Holy Spirit
		

Christians believe that each part makes up the whole God they believe in. Christians call this the **Holy Trinity**.

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Who?

Some people can find this belief hard to understand!



Try thinking of it like this:
People can be lots of things, all at the same time.

Ethan is a brother, a friend, a son, an artist, a footballer, a student. He is all of these things, yet still one person.



By thinking of God in different ways, Christians believe they begin to understand Him better.

Write down all the 'things' you are.
Share them with a friend.

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What?

What does incarnate mean?

"To take on or embody a human form."

In the **Old Testament**, people understood God as creator of the world, a father figure. In the **New Testament**, people understood God in a new way, as Jesus, Son of God, who lived on earth among humanity.

Did You know...?
One of the Christian names for Jesus is Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us'.

Think about any stories you might know from the Bible. What other names or words describe the Christian understanding of Jesus and God?

father	son	king	shepherd	healer	friend

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Jesus was incarnated as God's son and that Mary bore God's son.

Incarnation means to be literally made of flesh. Exactly what God had done to provide Christians with a human body in Jesus?

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What?

What story from the Bible does this picture represent?





At the Nativity, Christians believe that while Jesus didn't stop being God, he also became fully human.

Look closely at the picture of the Nativity scene.
Which parts show the human part of the story?
Which parts show the godly part of the story?

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How?

Can you identify the stories that show Christians that Jesus was also God?

Walking on water



Healing the sick



Rising from the dead



Bringing people back to life



Feeding the 5000



Turning water into wine



Christians believe these stories show that Jesus was also God, who could perform great miracles.

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Why?

Why is incarnation important for Christians?

- Christians believe that God made himself weak and vulnerable so He could understand people on earth better.
- Christians believe that God lived and died as a human so that he could understand us better and relate to our human emotions.
- Christians believe that God chose to reveal Himself as a small, vulnerable child. This can be a reminder to Christians that they should care for everything in the world, no matter how small.



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1. How many Gods do Christians believe in?
   2. What is incarnation?
   3. How was Jesus shown to Christians as God?

   Sentence work: why is incarnation important?

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