

Is peace the most important message of Christmas?

Key Vocabulary

peace - a state of freedom

Christmas - 25th December, the birth of Jesus

Prince of Peace - Jesus was called the Prince of Peace

prayer - expressing thanks or making a request to God

reflection - deep or serious thinking

Key Knowledge: peace be with you

Sharing the peace takes place in church. The congregation will share peace together by saying "peace be with you" and replying "and also with you" whilst shaking hands.

Christmas is the birth of the Prince of Peace, Jesus. The church may show peace at this time by carol singing, giving food baskets to charity, visiting the elderly and seeing the nativity scene in church to remind themselves about the Christmas story.



Key Knowledge: peace

external peace - the absence of war, not arguing, peace with God

internal peace - forgiveness, inner harmony

Prince of Peace - Jesus is the prince of peace in the bible (Isaiah 9:6-7) the Old Testament scripture mentioned a prince of peace 700 years before Jesus was born.

dove - the dove is a symbol of peace across faiths



Prayer and reflection can

help people find peace within themselves and have peace of mind.

Key knowledge: bible passages about peace

Isaiah 9:6 -7:

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Luke 2:8 - 20

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

Links



In Reception we learnt about different religious celebrations such as Christmas.

In Year 2 we learnt about the role of light at Christmas and what it represents.