

## Unit U2.3 Why do Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah? [Incarnation]

### Vocabulary

Creation	God's act of bringing the universe into being. the universe as thus brought into being by God.
Incarnation	The belief that God became a man in the form of Jesus Christ, the son of God.
Fall	When Adam and Eve are forced to leave the Garden of Eden because they have sinned against God.
Messiah	The 'Promised one' or 'Chosen one.'
Gospel	The books in the Bible telling the story of Jesus.
Trinity	The belief that God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Salvation	Saving human beings from sin and its consequences.
Saviour	One that saves from danger or destruction.
Old Testament	the first part of the Christian Bible that tells about the Jews, their history, and God's words to them.
Prophecy	A prediction of what will happen in the future
Jesus	The man believed to be the son of God on Earth.

### The 'Big idea' about God

Christians believe in God as the creator and sustainer of the world who is revealed to people through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God and is at work in the world through the Holy Spirit. God is understood as **Trinity: Three in one**; Father, Son and Holy Spirit in perfect relationship with each other.

### By the end of this Unit I will.....

Explain the place of Incarnation and Messiah within the "big story" of the Bible  
 Identify Gospel and prophecy texts, using technical terms  
 Explain connections between biblical texts. Incarnation and Messiah, using theological terms  
 Show how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' Incarnation into practice in different ways in celebrating Christmas  
 Comment on how the idea that Jesus is the Messiah makes sense in the wider story of the Bible  
 Weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict or is complementary with a scientific account, giving food reason for their views. Weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict or complementary, giving views on why.

### Information that will help me

- Jesus was Jewish and Christians believe that Jesus is God in the flesh.
- They believe that his birth, life, death and resurrection were part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God.
- The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' — a messiah. Some texts talk about what this 'messiah' would be like.
- Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah. (Jewish people do not think Jesus is the Messiah).
- Christians see Jesus as their Saviour.

### The Bible 'Big Story'

The Bible Big story is the story of God's relationship with his people. The Bible is made up of many different books written in different styles for different audiences but it all tells the one big story of God's rescue plan for his people. Christians believe that the Bible is the way that God speaks to them through the story of his love for them.

