

LO: To evaluate different accounts of the Christmas story and understand that stories can be true in different ways.



Write an eye witness account of what happened.

Are the accounts the same?

Why not?



Now watch it with sound.



What happened?

Does the version match your eye witness account?

What's different and why?

What's the same?

Which account is true?

What does true mean?

Eye witness accounts are subjective and even though we have all witnessed the same event, we see things through our own lens.

Different types of truth

- Historic
- Scientific
- Personal (beliefs)

Why are we thinking about different types of truth when we are about to study Christmas?

Is the Christmas story true?



What do you know about the Christmas Story?





Lets read a simplified version of the Christmas story.

Who is present at the birth of Jesus?

Why are they all there at the same time?

Is this Christmas story true?

We are going to investigate different accounts of the Christmas story in the Bible according to different people (Luke and Mathew).

- Luke Ch 1: 26-38 and Ch 2: 1-20

- Mathew Ch 1: 18 - Ch 2: 12

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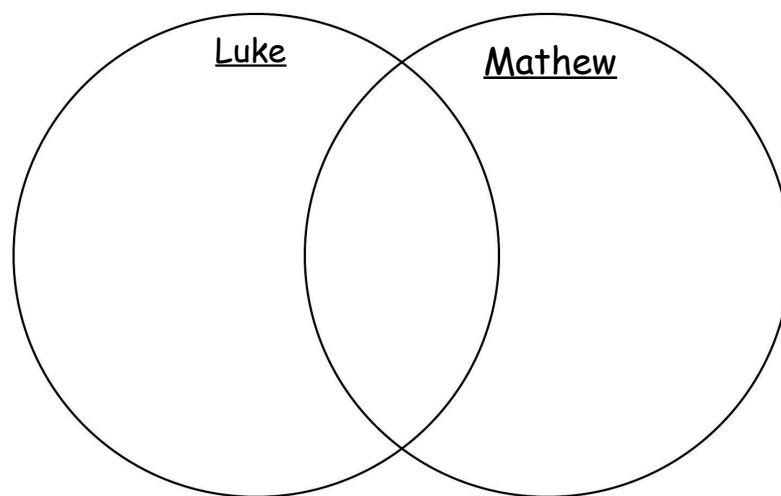
Mathew Ch 1: 18 - Ch 2: 12

Read the account and then make a story map.

Share your version with a partner.

Note down the similarities and difference between the two version.

Use a Venn diagram to note the similarities and differences in the two accounts.



Who's version of the Christmas story is true? Why?

Why are there different versions?

What type of 'true' is this?

If we are questioning who was actually present during the Christmas story and when they were there, what else might be true/not true?



Was Jesus really born on the 25th
December?



Is the Christmas story true?

If we are questioning the factual side of the Christmas story,
can it be true in different ways?

Can stories and events have meaning i.e. can we learn from
them even if they do not have happened exactly as recorded?

What do you think Christmas means to different people?

Christians believe that Jesus is the reincarnation of God on Earth. God gave Jesus to Earth to show people how to lead good lives, forgive them for things they do wrong and prove to them (through his resurrection) that there is life after resurrection.

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Is one more important than another?

Which type of truth can be applied to the Christmas story?

Activity: Complete the four boxes

- What do you know about the story of Jesus' birth?
- What does Jesus' birth mean to Christians?
- Is the Christmas story true?
- Does this matter to Christians?

What is a story you have learnt the most from and why?

Remember; stories can have meaning whether they have happened or not.