

Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

**Topic: Unit 2 - Christianity;
Harvest; Christmas;
Judaism; Sukkot; Giving
thanks**

Year 1

**Should we celebrate
Harvest or Christmas?**

Knowledge

Sukkot is a special time for Jewish people when they give thanks to God and remember the journey of the Jewish people in the desert.

During Sukkot Jewish families build special shelters which they decorate with fruit.

Not everyone celebrates the same festivals.

Christmas is a Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Christians believe that Jesus is a gift from God.

Vocabulary

- **Christmas** – Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus
- **Harvest** – gathering crops and giving thanks to God
- **Sukkah** – special shelter built for Sukkot
- **Sukkot** – Jewish Harvest festival giving thanks to God



Activities

- Find out about the Jewish festival of Sukkot. Look at the symbols used. Think about why it is important to say thank you for food.
- Describe how Sukkot is celebrated and compare that to the Christian festival of Harvest.
- Explore the story behind Christmas. Think about how it might be about saying thank you.
- Look at pictures and artefacts and link these to the celebrations and talk about the link.
- Think about whether Jesus is a gift from God to Christians and if so what that means for them.

Skills

- Recognise and recall stories of Harvest and Christmas.
- Recognise the lessons in the stories and the religious significance.
- Recognise that celebration is a human instinct.
- Talk about the significance of Sukkot and Christmas.
- Identify three artefacts associated with Christmas, Harvest or Sukkot.

