

Lesson Plan

Subject/Course: Religious Education - Secondary
Topic: Christmas
Lesson Title: How other faiths celebrate Christmas: an interfaith discussion

Lesson Objectives

- To understand the importance of Christmas to Christians.
- To be aware of the original Christmas feast day in the Christian calendar that came from pagan rituals.
- To enable students to have an understanding of how other faiths celebrate Christmas in Australia
- To identify major faith figures in other religions and traditions

Summary of Tasks/Actions

Scripture Lesson Plan: Verses from the Gospel relating to this liturgical season
Facts and Inquiry Activity Sheet: Narrative text, new vocabulary, visual literacy, creative activities, research assignment.
Theme Prayer Sheet: Christmas prayers and blessings from other faiths

Material/Equipment

- Internet for research
- Market stalls props

References

- [The Catholic Youth Bible](#)
- ['The Australian Catholic Youth Prayer Journal'](#), Ann M. Rennie
- ['Hay and Stardust - Resources for Christmas to Candlemas'](#), R. Burgess (plays, reflections and poems)
- ['O Come, Let Us Adore - Exploring the Crib at Christmas'](#), C. Hayden
- ['The Jesse Tree'](#), T.M. Shuman