

Jesus Christ

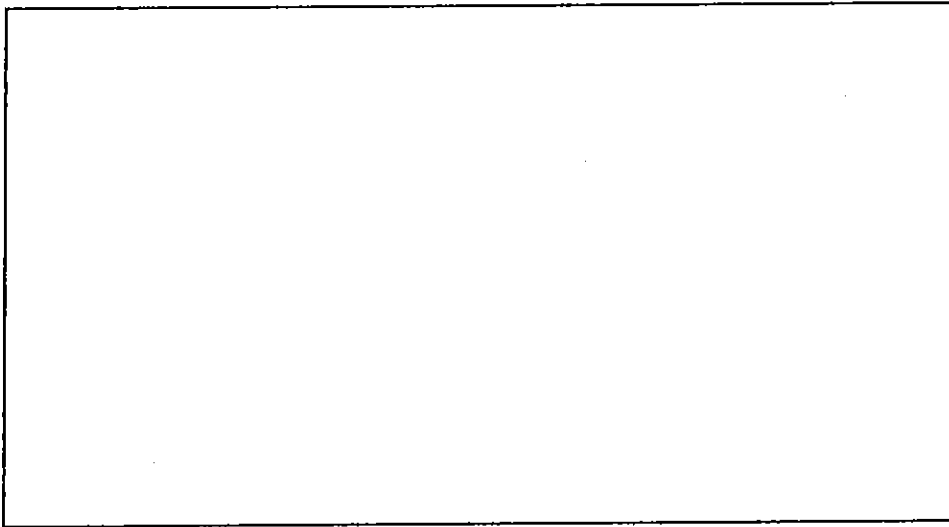
At the millennium Christians celebrated the birth of Jesus about 2000 years ago. Jesus was a real person, the main facts of whose life can be found in the Holy Book of Christians called The Bible as well as other historical writings.

Around this church building, parts of which go back to the year 1230 AD, the pictures, windows and carvings show scenes from most of the major events in the life of Jesus, as the artists imagined them.

By the side of each picture is information about it taken from the Bible . You can find out more using the page numbers and references.

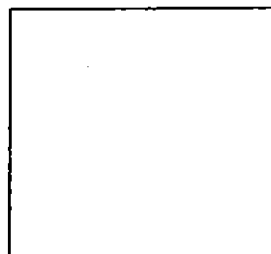
Start at any number and fill in the answers on the sheet. At the end of your walk round the church you should have a record of the life of Jesus.

- 1** Who visited Mary to tell her she would have a baby? _____
What name was to be given to the baby? _____
Make a sketch of something that you see in the window. Describe it.



- 2** Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem where his parents had gone for the census. Some shepherds were told of Jesus birth by angels and went to visit him there. Later another group of people visited the baby. Who were these other visitors? _____
What gifts did they bring Jesus? _____
Why do you think people believe there were three of them? _____

Draw the star that they followed here



3 and 4 When Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple who did they meet there? _____ and _____
Copy the words from the window to show what the man did

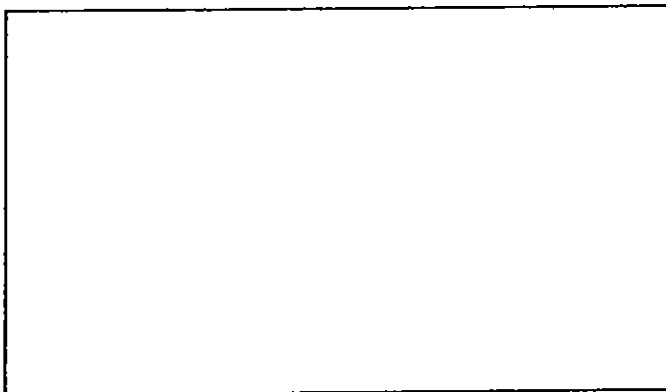
What did these people think about Jesus even when He was a baby? _____

5 How old was Jesus when He was baptised by his cousin John? _____
Where did this happen? _____
What was heard and seen at the time? _____

6 and 7 Copy the words from the window _____

Many people at that time thought children were of little value. What do Jesus actions show about the way he felt about children?

8. Draw the water pots at the wedding feast. What happened to the water in the pots? _____

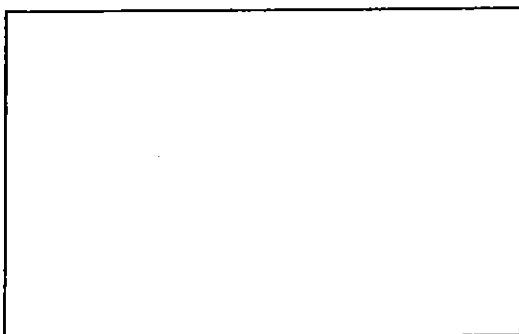


What effect did this have on Jesus disciples? _____

9 The last supper. When did this supper take place? _____

What did Jesus say was going to happen to him? _____

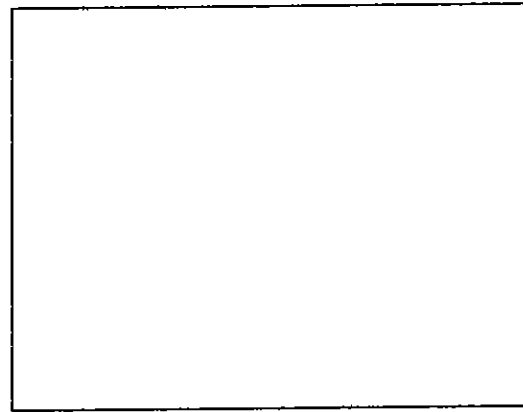
Draw here the two things that Jesus shared with his disciples and explain what they symbolise.



10 The Crucifixion

Draw a symbol that Christians use to remind them of Jesus.

What do Christians believe Jesus was doing while He was on the cross dying?



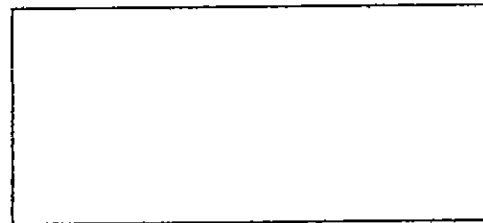
What did some of the people standing by the cross say about Jesus? _____

What made Jesus disciples believe He was alive? _____

11 Who did Jesus say God would send to his disciples? _____

What would happen to them? _____

Draw the symbols that are used to show Jesus as the Alpha and Omega and explain what they mean.



Who was Paul and what did he do? _____

12 How did the news about Jesus spread? _____

Who was shown being baptised in this carving? _____

13 What can you see in the carving to show Cornelius was a Centurian soldier? _____

What important lesson did Peter learn at this time? _____

How did this lesson change the disciples? _____

14 Where did this picture come from? _____

Look carefully at the picture and describe some of the ways in which Christians are helping people in need

Crossing the red sea

The Israelites were escaping from slavery in Egypt. They came to a large sea. God commanded Moses to hold his staff out over the water. The waves piled up on each side and the Israelites were able to walk across the sea on a dry path. When the Egyptians tried to follow them, the sea came rushing back and they were all drowned. The Israelites were saved from being taken back into slavery by the Egyptians.

The box they carried, contained the bones of Joseph who had died in Egypt.

The Ethiopian Treasurer

Jesus disciples began to tell people about him and they also did miracles. Many people became Christians and were baptised. Very quickly the good news about Jesus spread through the world. This carving shows an Ethiopian treasurer who became a Christian and was baptised by Philip.

Jesus and children

*This carving shows the same scene as **Window 6** . The disciples try to keep the children away from Jesus. But Jesus shows children are important to Him by taking them in His arms and blessing them..*

Mark 10 verses 13-16

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Jesus ascends to Heaven

Jesus appeared to his followers for the last time on a hilltop and promised that God would send the Holy Spirit to them. They would receive power and would be witnesses to Jesus starting at Jerusalem and then going out to the whole earth.

In this window the artist has imagined how Jesus now appears in heaven with some important Christians surrounding Him. Most of the ideas about how Jesus might appear in heaven are taken from the book of Revelation-the last book in the Bible. In every age artists interpret ideas in different ways as it is impossible to know what heaven is like. We can only imagine.

A and Ω are the symbols representing Alpha and Omega the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet. Jesus has been referred to as The Alpha and Omega - the first and the last.

Saint John was a disciple of Jesus who wrote several books of the Bible.

Mary was Jesus mother.

Luke wrote two books of the Bible-Luke's Gospel about the life of Jesus and the Acts of the Apostles about Jesus followers after he had died.

Noah's Ark

Sometime after God created the world nearly everyone turned away from Him and did wicked and bad things. Even their thoughts were always turning towards evil and the world was full of violence.

God was very sad and decided to wipe out all the living things. But God was pleased with Noah and his family. He told Noah that he was going to send a flood to cover the earth. Noah was ordered to build an ark and to take into it his wife, his three sons, their wives and two of every kind of animal and creature. Then the flood came. It rained for forty days and forty nights and the flood waters didn't go down for 150 days.

Noah sent out a raven to see if the floods had gone. Then he sent a dove which came back with an olive branch. Noah knew that the flood waters had gone down. When he sent the dove out a second time it didn't come back. Noah knew it was safe to come out of the ark. There was now peace between God and man.

The olive branch has become a symbol of peace.

God made an agreement with Noah that never again would there be a flood to cover all the earth. God gave the sign of the rainbow to remind people of this agreement.

One carving shows the dove flying back with the olive branch.

The other carving shows Noah, his family, the animals and other creatures leaving the ark.

The Font

The font has 8 sides –this represents the 8 people who were saved from drowning, during the flood, in Noah’s ark.

The font is the place where people are baptised. Baptism is a service for those who want to show they belong to the Christian family. They say, in front of other Christians, that they are sorry for all the wrong things they have done. They state that they believe in the basic teaching of the church. Then water is poured over them and they are baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The sign of the cross is made on their forehead. Christian parents often have their babies baptised to show that God accepts them as part of the Christian family. When they are old enough they have to take on the promises themselves.

Water, used in baptism, symbolises many things.

It is a reminder of how Noah and his family were saved from drowning and how God saved Moses and the Israelites from slavery.

It is also symbolic of being washed clean from all the bad things that spoil our lives.

Some Christians emphasise going down into water at baptism symbolising being buried with Christ and rising to a new life.