**Early Years**

**Knowledge Organiser**

**Advent/Christmas – Loving**

**Topic 3: Birthday**

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| Key Words | |
| Word | **Definition** |
| birthday | The day in each year which is the same date as the one on which you were born. |
| waiting | Means delaying or preparing for something until you are ready. |
| wreath | ​An arrangement of flowers and leaves, especially in the shape of a circle. |
| celebrate | To show a day or an event is important you doing something special. |
| Christmas | The day Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. |
| Advent | The four weeks before Christmas. |
| Jesus | The son of God. |
| Mary | The mother of Jesus. |
| Joseph | The man who brought up Jesus as his son. |
| swaddling clothes | To wrap up a baby tightly in a piece of cloth. |
| manger | A box that cows and horses eat from. |
| crib | A small bed for a baby. |
| shepherds | People who look after sheep. |
| wise men | Men who studies the stars. |

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| Scripture |
| Luke 2: 8-20 - *God’s Story 2* page 59  Luke 2: 4-7 *God’s Story 2* page 58  *God’s Story 1* pages 24-25, 26-27  (teachers’ notes pages 46-47)  Matthew 2: 1-12 - *God’s Story 2* page 60 |

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| Big Question |
| Why do we celebrate Birthdays? |
| My first thoughts: |

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| What will I learn? |
| * To begin to talk about their own feelings as they wait for a birthday. * To begin to talk about their own experience of celebrating a birthday. * To begin to wonder at the joy of birthdays. * To begin to recognise the Christmas story. * To begin to recognise that the Advent Wreath, the crib and other signs indicate the approach of Christmas. * To begin to use and develop a vocabulary of religious words and phrases. |