

# TAKEAWAY

## Big Ideas Key Christian Beliefs

### INCARNATION

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### INTRODUCTION

The word incarnation never appears in the Bible. It means 'made flesh' and refers to the belief that God became man in the person of Jesus, two co-existent natures, fully human and fully divine.

### READ

John 1 v 1-4

Luke 2 v 22-24

Leviticus 12 v 8

Philippians 2 v 1-11

### DISCUSS

1. Reading the introduction, what are the implications of this big idea of Christianity for our lives today?

2. What are the different aspects of Christ's character revealed in the first four verses of John 1?

3. Why would John 1:14 have been so shocking to people influenced by Greek thought?

4. Andy said on Sunday, "Words must always become flesh." What does this mean and why is it important?

5. What do the verses in Luke and Philippians tell us about the economic status of Mary and Joseph? Why do you think the son of God chose to be born into this situation? What are the implications for us today?

6. What does Philippians 2 v 1-11 teach about how the incarnation of Jesus can become incarnational living for

us all?

7. Jesus gave up all that He had to live a life of love for others and we are called to do the same. How can we help each other to become more like Christ in this regard?

