

Trust in the Christmas Story.

Learning Intentions

- I have explored the theme of trust in the Biblical Christmas Story and considered if and how trust affects me.*
- I can describe what it means to be trustworthy.*
- I have considered the importance of deciding whether or not to trust someone. I have considered the importance of being trusted.*

Session outline:

- Introduction – today is all about trust. We're going to think about who trusts who in the Christmas Story. Why is trust important? How do we know if we can trust someone? Can we be trusted?*
- Play a trust game: outside – help each other walk blindfolded through forest. Inside – blindfolded, do you trust your friend to feed you something nice?*
- 5 minute brainstorm, who trusted who in the nativity? Why did they trust them? Why could they trust them? Who couldn't be trusted in the nativity? Ask the children to write their answers onto post it notes and then stick it onto a story line (showing the Christmas story –see attached document with pictures to print)*
- Christians say they trust God, just like Mary did. What do you think that means? Could you trust God?*
- We have to decide all the time if we trust or don't trust someone? And people are always deciding if we can be trusted? Describe the following scenarios, give them a couple of minutes of thinking time and then discuss as a class.*

Your friend once lied to you a couple of years ago, do you trust them now?

You have a secret you'd like to share with someone – how do you decide if you can trust them to keep it?

Can your mum and dad trust you to turn your ipad off at lights out time? Or do they need to come and check?

Teacher has an important job for someone, who do they choose? How can they tell if someone is trustworthy?

- Two brainstormers. A: Can be trusted. (Trustworthy). B: Can't be trusted. How do we know. Characteristics. Who would you most like to be friends with? Why? Is A perfect? Might they make a mistake? Can we still be friends with B? Should it change anything?
- Who are you? A or B. Maybe a mixture? Who would you like to be? Why? Do you need to make changes in your life?