

Where and when:

Date: Friday, 10 December 2021

Time: 11:00am

Duration: 30 minutes

Location: bbc.co.uk/livelessons



This programme is available to view from home or school, and no sign-up is required.

Simply visit the website on the day and follow the instructions on the page to watch.

Curriculum links: Religious education and citizenship for 7-11 year-olds

- Reflecting on spiritual, moral, social, and cultural issues, using imagination to understand other people's experiences.
- Developing an awareness of the ways in which Christians celebrate Christmas.
- Increasing understanding of how people come to have their beliefs and further developing awareness that there is a diversity of belief.
- Understanding tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling students to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures.

Setup:

This Live Lesson will be broadcast live on the CBBC channel and simultaneously on the BBC Teach website at 11:00am.

We will be running a live commentary page on BBC Teach during the live broadcast to reflect contributions from children watching from home and school.

How much space and equipment is needed?

The lesson can be viewed in a classroom or at home with a device (computer, tablet or mobile phone) linked to a reliable broadband connection, or watched on a television on the CBBC channel.

As we'll be asking children to get involved in activities throughout the lesson, it would be beneficial if children had the accompanying activity sheet to hand to guide them through the activities, as well as stationery such as pens and pencils.

Lesson content:

This programme covers learning objectives across:

- A Curriculum Framework for Religious education in England and Wales for Key Stage 2;
- 1st and 2nd Level Religious and moral education on Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence;
- Key Stage 1 and 2 Personal development and mutual understanding on the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

Section 1: Introduction to lesson

The presenters will introduce the lesson. They will be joined in the studio by Jimmy Doherty from Jimmy's Farm who will reveal what he will be cooking during the lesson. They will encourage teachers to send in their pupils' favourite Christmas cracker jokes and describe what they do at Christmas. You can email live.lessons@bbc.co.uk. Children will then watch a video about the origins of Christmas.

Section 2: Christmas celebrations and a festive quiz!

The presenters will explore more about Christmas and about how people celebrate the religious holiday differently. They will hear from two children in the studio who will talk about what they do at Christmas time and then see a video with more children's experiences. There will then be a fun, festive quiz in the studio where Jimmy and one of the presenters will answer multiple-choice questions. Children will also be asked to participate at school or at home.

Section 3: Reindeer activity and what goes into making a panto

First, children are asked to write down the eight reindeer names they heard in a poem called A Visit From St. Nicholas by Clement Clarke. The presenter will read this extract:

*More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!*

The children will have 30 seconds to write down which reindeer names they remember, before the answers are revealed. Children will then watch a short video taking them behind the scenes of a Christmas panto.

Section 4: Cooking with Jimmy Doherty and a Christmas placemat

Jimmy Doherty will reveal the dish he is making and the ingredients needed for it. Teachers can download the recipe [here](#).

Jimmy will then prepare the dish and talk us through the recipe. Once it is finished, the presenters will get to taste how delicious it is! Children will then be asked to do the final activity, which is to create a Christmas placemat using coloured pens and pencils. They can use A4 paper or card for this activity.

Section 5: Your Christmas jokes!

The lesson will end with your favourite Christmas cracker jokes and the presenters will then end the lesson by singing 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas!'

Contact us:

If your children or pupils are planning on watching the Live Lesson in school or at home, let us know. Email us with your school name or the names of your children to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk, or get in touch using the hashtag **#bbclivelessons** and they could be featured on our live commentary page.

Teachers, we'd love your students to tell us what they get up to with family and friends at Christmas and also their favourite Christmas cracker jokes!

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