


Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

Topic: Unit 2 - God; Virgin Mary; Christ; Icon	Year 4	Should Christians worship Mary?
<p>Knowledge</p> <p>Most Christians believe that Mary conceived the infant Jesus by the Holy Spirit, after a visit from the Angel Gabriel.</p> <p>Mary is often depicted as wearing blue, because the colour is associated with holiness and royalty</p> <p>Catholics give Mary, the Mother of God, a unique position in the worship of Catholic saints.</p> <p>More poems, hymns, statues, icons, paintings, treatises, and sermons are about Mary than any other woman in human history.</p> <p>Mary is the only person beside Jesus who was bodily assumed into heaven.</p> <p>Mary has appeared in visions more often than any other saint.</p>	<p>Vocabulary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annunciation – the announcement of Mary’s pregnancy by the Angel Gabriel • Assumption Day – the day in Catholic tradition when Mary was taken bodily up into heaven • Catholic – followers of Jesus Christ who believe in the special authority of the Pope • Christianity – religion focussed on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ • Icon – a picture of Christ, Mary, or a saint painted on a wooden panel • Mary – the mother of Jesus often referred to as the Virgin Mary • Pope – the head of the Catholic Church • Saint – a holy person who is thought to be in heaven 	
<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at pictures depicting Mary. Look at the symbols associated with Mary. What do they tell us about the Christian view of God? • Read the stories of Mary in the Bible (annunciation, visit to Elizabeth, journey to Nazareth, birth of Jesus, flight to Egypt, Jesus in the temple). • Look at the Catholic celebration of Mary in annunciation, assumption day and the “hail Mary” concept. • Freeze frame parts of Mary’s life, communicating her thoughts on her role as the Mother of Jesus. • Look at other religions views of women and mothers (Egyptian views of Isis, pagan Gods, Hindu goddesses etc.) and compare that to the Christian views. 		
<p>Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link Bible stories and symbols to Christian beliefs about Mary • Describe the impact that Mary has on the lives of many believers, referring to the festivals that are celebrated • List some of the ways different churches respond to Mary • Identify Mary’s importance to the Christian story 		