**Chestnuts - Why is the Gospel such good news for Christians?**

**Prior learning:** Christians are followers of Jesus, the saviour of the world. He died but came back to life.

A cross reminds Christians of his sacrifice, but is also a sign of commitment and God’s love.

Jesus told parables to teach about God’s Kingdom and the right way to live. Christians serve others as a response to being saved.

God offers us forgiveness.

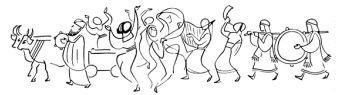
The Holy Spirit reminds Christians God is always with them. He gives them strength.

**What should we know?**

Remember, to Christians, Jesus is **good news**.

**Christians believe:**

* Jesus is the saviour of the world. This is good news.
* The Gospels are the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They are found in the Bible and tell the stories of Jesus.
* Christians live by the Bible and by the things Jesus said.
* The teachings of Jesus have authority in their life. 







**What should we be able to do?**

*Give examples from the Gospels of how Jesus was good news to people.*

*Use the right religious words to describe and compare what may happen in a church when the Gospels are read.*

*Link Christian belief in Jesus as God’s Son to the stories which come from the Gospel.*

*Explain why a Christians today would describe Jesus as good news.*

In the Church of England the Gospel is read from a lectern.

Angel Gabriel tells the shepherds: I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

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**What words should we understand and be able to use?**

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| **Gospel** | A word that means good news or good story.  It also refers to the four books of the Bible which tell the stories of Jesus. | **Lectern** | In Anglican churches the Bible is read from the lectern. |
| **Annie Vallotton** | The best selling illustrator of all time, Annie drew the illustrations for  the Good News Bible. |  |  |