**Lesson 2a: Biblical analysis**

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| **Questions to explore** | **Matthew 1: 18 – 25**  **Matthew 2: 1 - 12** | **Luke 2: 1 - 20** | **John 1: 1 - 5** |
| List the characters mentioned in the account. |  |  |  |
| Why do you think the author mentions the characters they do?  What do the characters symbolise? |  |  |  |
| Who do you think the author is writing for? (Who are the audience?) |  |  |  |
| What religious vocabulary would you most associate with which Gospel account? Can you explain why? (Some words you may wish to put in more than one box.) |  |  |  |
| What do you think the author’s main message is? |  |  |  |

**Religious vocabulary:** Incarnation, light of the world, saviour, Jesus came to save all people, Jesus came for the gentile – non-Jewish people as well as the Jewish people, good news, love. God’s greatest gift to the world.