Religious Education at St Thomas More
Religious education in our school aims to make connections for the children:

- Scripture is interpreted in a modern context.
- Children actively connect the gospel stories to their lives and the world today.
- Gospel values and teachings permeate entire curriculum i.e., being a bucket filler.
Religious education is taught through Inquiry based learning

- Children are encouraged to ask many questions.
- Children make connections to their lives today
- Each Inquiry units concludes with the children taking on an action to make a difference in their world.
Who was the mother of Jesus?

Who was his Father?

Where did Mary and Joseph live before Jesus was born?
Retooning the nativity

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-4y5mK_o9E

Which ones tell the birth of Christ?

Matthew and Luke

Children would then read each gospel making a list of comparisons and contrasts between them and checking off their nativity list.
Distance: 129Km
Time taken walking:
4 days normally
Probably a week with
Mary being so pregnant.
Usually they travelled in
caravans (group of
camels) as it was so
dangerous.
Taking Christmas as our Inquiry
Prep - Mary and Joseph - Our Mum and Dad
Action - do something nice for them
1/2’s - Holy Family - Our School family -
Action - Afternoon tea for parent helpers
3/4 - Shepherds - poorer, those under the radar in society - Action - singing at Old Folks home, collecting for St. Vincent de Paul.

5/6 - The Wise men - Refugees coming into our country - Action - making up toiletry sets to be sent.
Children at our school view RE as very important in their lives.