

The Christmas Story Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand the key events and meanings of the Nativity story from a Christian perspective.

Use your knowledge of the Nativity story to complete this fact-file. Fill in each section with clear sentences to explain how Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Word bank: Bethlehem · Manger · Shepherds · Three Wise Men · Star · Stable · Incense · Myrrh

1. The Setting: Where was Jesus born and why was Mary and Joseph staying in a stable? (2 marks)

2. The Visitors: Who were the first people to be told about the birth of Jesus by an angel? (2 marks)

3. The Journey: How did the Three Wise Men know where to find the baby Jesus? (2 marks)

4. The Gifts: What three gifts did the Wise Men bring, and what might these gifts represent? (3 marks)

5. The Meaning: Why is the birth of Jesus such an important event for Christians today? (3 marks)

6. Modern Traditions: How do people celebrate the meaning of Christmas in their homes or churches today? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you write a short poem or a prayer from the perspective of one of the characters in the story?