

Christmas: Meanings and Traditions

Learning objective: To understand the key stories, symbols, and beliefs associated with Christmas in the Christian faith and wider society.

Key Vocabulary

Use this list to help you learn key vocabulary. The words are grouped by the Nativity Story, Church Traditions, and Modern Celebrations.

Nativity The story of the birth of Jesus.	Manger The trough where baby Jesus slept, ...	Shepherds People who look after sheep, w...
Three Wise Men Visitors from the East who ...	Bethlehem The town where Jesus was born.	Incense A sweet-smelling smoke used in rel...
Myrrh A special oil used as a perfume and ...	Stable A building where animals are kept, u...	Advent The period of four weeks leading up ...
Advent Calendar A way of counting down t...	Christening A Christian ceremony where a ...	Carol A festive song sung during the Christ...
Creche A model of the Nativity scene with fi...	Epiphany The feast celebrating the visit of t...	Giving The act of sharing gifts or kindness wi...
Peace A feeling of calm and harmony betwe...	Goodwill Being kind and friendly towards ot...	Tradition A custom or belief that has been p...