

Understanding the Story of Christmas

Learning objective: To understand the traditional Christian account of the birth of Jesus and the significance of the Nativity story.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you with your spellings. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

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

1. In the Nativity story, in which town was Jesus born? (1 mark)

2. Why did Mary and Joseph have to stay in a stable instead of an inn? (2 marks)

3. Who were the first people told by an angel that a special baby had been born? (1 mark)

4. The Three Wise Men followed a special sign in the sky to find Jesus. What was this sign and what gifts did they bring? (3 marks)

5. Explain why the birth of Jesus is such an important event for Christians to celebrate every year. (3 marks)

6. If you were telling the Nativity story to a younger child, which part of the story do you think is the most important to include, and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the Nativity scene, including the stable, the star, and the visitors.



Extension challenge: Can you find out what the three gifts given by the Wise Men represented? Write a short sentence for each gift.