

The Story and Traditions of Christmas

Explore the magic and meaning of the Christmas season with Leo the Lion!

- For Christians, Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.
- The Nativity story tells us that Mary and Joseph found shelter in a stable, and baby Jesus was laid in a manger.
- The Three Wise Men followed a bright star from the East to bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- Many people celebrate by going to a special church service called a 'Midnight Mass' or a Christingle service.
- The word 'Incarnation' is used by Christians to describe the belief that God became human in the form of Jesus.
- Modern traditions, like decorating a tree or giving gifts, remind people of the joy and generosity of the season.

Did you know? Did you know? In many parts of the world, people celebrate 'Advent' for four weeks before Christmas. They often use an Advent wreath with four candles to count down the days until the celebration begins!

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