

Understanding Christmas: Christian Beliefs and Traditions

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Christmas for Christians and identify key symbols and stories associated with the festival.

Cut out these flashcards. Read the question or term on the front, try to remember the answer, and then flip the card over to check if you are correct!

What is the meaning of Christmas for Christians?	What is the Nativity?
It is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, whom Christians believe is the Son of God.	The story of the birth of Jesus, including Mary, Joseph, and the manger in Bethlehem.
Who were the Three Wise Men?	What is 'Incarnation'?
Visitors from the East who followed a star to bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to baby Jesus.	The Christian belief that God became human in the form of Jesus.
What is Advent?	Why is the manger important in the Nativity story?
The period of four weeks leading up to Christmas, used as a time of preparation and waiting.	It was the feeding trough for animals where baby Jesus was laid because there was no room in the inn.
What does the Star of Bethlehem represent?	What is a 'Christingle' service?
The light that guided the Wise Men to the place where Jesus was born.	A church service using an orange to represent the world, with a candle for light and sweets for God's goodness to all.
Who told Mary she would have a special baby?	What is the purpose of a Nativity play in schools or churches?
The Angel Gabriel.	To act out the story of Jesus' birth so that people can remember and celebrate the event.
Where was Jesus born?	What do Christians mean when they say Jesus is the 'Saviour'?
In the town of Bethlehem.	They believe Jesus came to earth to save humanity and bring a relationship between people and God.