

Grade 3 RE: Understanding Christmas

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of the Nativity story, the significance of Christmas for Christians, and how the festival is celebrated.

Read each question carefully. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided. Make sure to explain your reasons where asked.

Word bank: Manger · Bethlehem · Nazareth · Shepherds · Three Wise Men · Incense · Myrrh · Frankincense · Savior

1. In which town was Jesus born? (1 mark)

2. Who were the first people to be told by an angel that Jesus had been born? (1 mark)

3. The Three Wise Men followed a special sign in the sky to find Jesus. What was this sign? (1 mark)

4. List the three gifts that the Wise Men brought for the baby Jesus. (3 marks)

5. Why was baby Jesus placed in a manger instead of a bed? (2 marks)

6. Explain why Christmas is a 'holy' day for Christians. What does it celebrate? (4 marks)

7. Many people use a 'Nativity Play' or a 'Crib' (a model scene) to remember the story. How do these help people understand the meaning of Christmas? (4 marks)

8. Imagine you are explaining the story of the first Christmas to a younger child. Write a short paragraph describing the journey of Mary and Joseph and the joy felt when Jesus was born. (5 marks)

Draw: In the space below, draw one symbol of Christmas (such as a star or a candle) and write one sentence explaining what it represents to Christians.



Extension challenge: Total: /25