

# The Meaning of Christmas

*Learning objective: To explain the religious significance of the Nativity story and how it is celebrated by Christians.*

Use this writing frame to help you write a detailed explanation of Christmas from a Christian perspective. Use the sentence starters to guide your paragraphs and the word bank to make your writing more descriptive.

For many Christians around the world, Christmas is one of the most important times of the year because...

*Word bank: furthermore · consequently · celebrated · significant · tradition · commemorate · generosity · sacred*

## 1. The Nativity Story: Who were the key people in the story of Jesus' birth and what happened?

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## 2. The Meaning of the Gifts: Why did the Three Wise Men bring gifts, and what does this represent?

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## 3. Christmas Traditions: How do Christians celebrate this event in church or at home today?

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## 4. The Message of Love: Why is the idea of 'peace on earth' and 'goodwill' important during this season?

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**5. Personal Reflection: In your opinion, what is the most important part of the Christmas story and why?**

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*Extension challenge: Can you compare the religious meaning of Christmas with some of the non-religious traditions we see in the UK today?*