

The Wonder of Christmas: A Season of Reflection

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey of discovery as we explore the light, history, and traditions of Christmas!

- Christmas is a Christian festival that celebrates the Nativity, which is the belief in the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.
- For many, Christmas is a time for 'giving'. This reflects the story of the Three Wise Men who brought gifts to honour the newborn child, teaching the importance of generosity.
- The use of evergreen plants, such as holly and ivy, has ancient roots, symbolising eternal life and the enduring nature of hope during the darkest days of winter.
- Midnight Mass is a traditional church service held late on Christmas Eve, marking the transition into Christmas Day through prayer and song.
- Charity is a central theme of the season; many communities organise food drives and donations to support those who are less fortunate, reflecting the spirit of kindness.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus', which means 'coming'. For Christians, this period is a time of preparation and waiting, symbolised by the lighting of the Advent wreath, where each candle represents hope, peace, joy, and love.

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