

A Reflective Christmas: A Diary Entry Template

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the Christmas period for Christians and to reflect on the values of peace, generosity, and community.

Imagine you are spending the day with Max the monkey, who is helping a local community centre prepare for Christmas. Use this diary entry template to reflect on how people celebrate Christmas and the importance of the values associated with the season. Write in the first person as if you are experiencing these events.

Word bank: generosity · nativity · community · reflection · tradition · charity · peace · celebration

1. The Meaning of Christmas: Describe the ways in which Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus during this season. Think about the nativity story or church services. (3 marks)

2. Acts of Kindness: Max is helping at the community centre. Why is giving to others considered such an important part of the Christmas spirit? (3 marks)

3. Personal Reflection: Think about a tradition your family or community has. How does this tradition bring people together or show love to one another? (3 marks)

4. Values in Action: If you were given a budget of £20 to help someone in need this Christmas, what would you buy and why? Explain how this fits the value of generosity. (4 marks)

5. The Message of Peace: Christmas is often associated with 'peace on earth'. What does this phrase mean to you in the modern world? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a Christmas tradition from a different country. How does it compare to the traditions you have written about in your diary entry? Write a short paragraph comparing the two.