

Class 5 Religious Education Assessment: The Significance of Christmas

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of the Christian celebration of Christmas, its origins, and its significance to believers.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where required. Ensure your responses reflect your knowledge of Christian beliefs and traditions.

For Christians, Christmas is more than a holiday; it is the festival of the Incarnation. It marks the belief that God became human in the person of Jesus. The story is primarily drawn from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, detailing the birth in a stable in Bethlehem. For many, the period of Advent is a time of preparation, reflection, and anticipation leading up to the celebration on the 25th of December.

Word bank: Incarnation · Nativity · Bethlehem · Advent · Emmanuel · Gospel · Prophecy · Shepherds

1. Identify the two books of the Bible that provide the main accounts of the birth of Jesus. (2 marks)

2. Explain the meaning of the term 'Advent' and describe one way a Christian might prepare during this time. (3 marks)

3. Why is the setting of a stable in Bethlehem considered significant in the Christmas narrative? (3 marks)

4. Max the monkey has been looking at the cost of charity at Christmas. If a school raises £150 for a local food bank and spends £45.50 on festive supplies for the community, how much money remains to support families in need? Show your working. (4 marks)

5. Describe the roles of the shepherds and the wise men in the Christmas story. How do these characters represent different groups of people? (4 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: 'Christmas is a time of giving and peace.' Discuss this statement by explaining how the Christian belief in the Incarnation influences the way people behave towards others during the festive period. Use examples to support your answer. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene representing the Nativity. Include at least three symbols that represent the values of peace or light often associated with Christmas.



Extension challenge: Total: /25