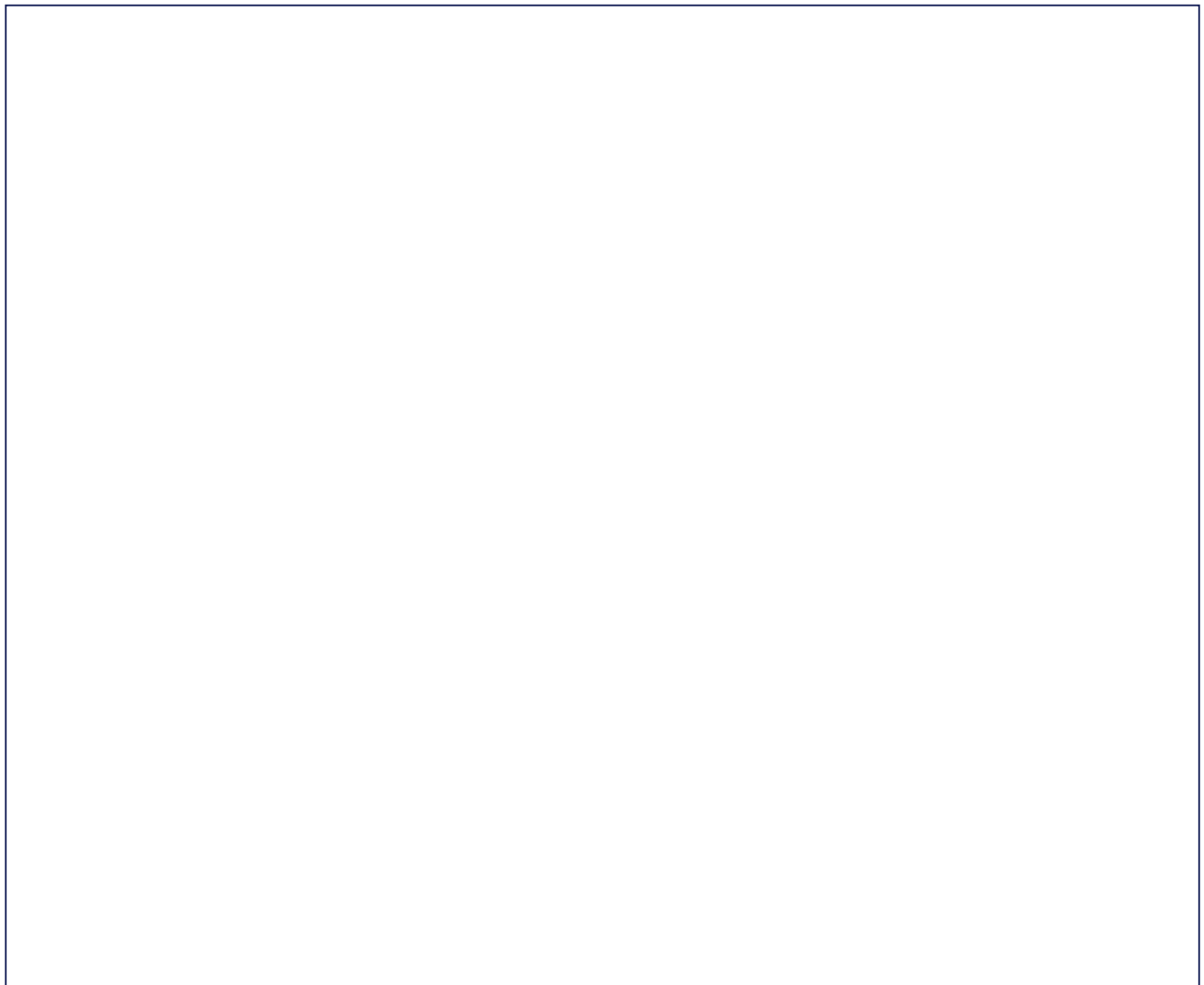


A Festive Celebration: Religious Traditions and Symbols

Learning objective: To understand and visually represent the key symbols and meanings associated with the Christian celebration of Christmas.

Use this sheet to create an annotated drawing that explains the significance of Christmas for Christians. Follow the steps below to build your scene, ensuring you include the symbols mentioned in your word bank.

Draw: Create a detailed, respectful scene depicting a traditional Nativity. In the foreground, draw a Christingle (an orange with a candle, red ribbon, and four cocktail sticks with sweets). In the background, draw the stable scene with the Holy Family. Use colour to show the warmth of the candles and the brightness of the star. Ensure you label all the key symbols from the word bank clearly using neat lines pointing to your illustrations.



Label words: Advent Wreath · Nativity Scene · Christingle · Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh · Star of Bethlehem · Angel · Shepherds

Steps:

1. Identify one object from your drawing that represents 'light' in the Christmas story and explain why it is important to Christians.
2. Label the three gifts brought by the Wise Men on your drawing. Why were these gifts significant in the

historical context of the story?

3. Explain why the Nativity scene is a central part of Christian Christmas traditions.

4. Step 1: Draw a large Nativity stable in the centre of your page. Add the figures of Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus inside.

5. Step 2: Add a bright Star of Bethlehem above the stable roof and label it clearly.