

The Wonder of Christmas: A Time of Reflection

Join Leo the Lion on a journey to discover why Christmas is a special time for Christians across the globe!

- Advent is a period of four weeks before Christmas where Christians prepare and wait in anticipation for the celebration of Jesus' birth.
- The Nativity story, found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, tells of the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem.
- For Christians, the Incarnation is the belief that God became human in the form of Jesus, symbolising love and humility.
- Many families attend a Midnight Mass or a Carol Service to sing hymns and reflect on the message of the Christmas story.
- Christians often use the season of Christmas to give gifts to others, reflecting the gifts brought to Jesus by the Wise Men.
- The light of the Christmas candle or star represents the belief that Jesus is the 'Light of the World', guiding people through darkness.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'Christmas' comes from the Old English phrase 'Crīstesmæsse', which means 'Christ's Mass'. It is a celebration of the Nativity, marking the birth of Jesus, whom Christians believe is the Son of God sent to bring peace and light to the world.

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