Religious Education: The Significance of Christmas

Learning objective: To understand the religious significance of Christmas for Christians and reflect on the themes of the Nativity story.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of the Christmas story and Christian traditions to write your answers. Think about the meaning behind the celebrations.

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Word bank: Nativity · Incarnation · Shepherds · Bethlehem · Messiah · Generosity · Advent · Gifts

1. Max the monkey is confused why Christians celebrate Christmas. Explain the religious meaning of Christmas in your own words, focusing on the event being commemorated. (2 marks)

2. In the Nativity story, why did the arrival of the shepherds and the wise men hold such importance for the birth of Jesus? (2 marks)

3. Advent is a time of preparation for Christians. List two ways that a Christian family might prepare their home or life during the season of Advent. (2 marks)

4. Many people give gifts at Christmas to remember the gifts brought by the wise men. If you were planning a charitable donation to help others during this time, how would you decide which cause to support and why? (3 marks)

5. Nova the owl wants to know why light is a common symbol used in Christmas services and decorations. What does light represent in the Christian faith during this festival? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents the concept of 'peace on earth'. Think about symbols that show kindness and harmony, as these are central themes during the Christmas season.

Extension challenge: Research how Christmas is celebrated in a country other than the UK. Write a short paragraph comparing one tradition you find with a tradition you have at home.