The Wonder of Christmas: A Season of Reflection

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey of discovery as we explore the light, history, and traditions of Christmas!

- **Christmas is a Christian festival that celebrates the Nativity, which is the belief in the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.**
- **For many, Christmas is a time for 'giving'. This reflects the story of the Three Wise Men who brought gifts to honor the newborn child, teaching the importance of generosity.**
- **The use of evergreen plants, such as holly and ivy, has ancient roots, symbolising eternal life and the enduring nature of hope during the darkest days of winter.**
- **Midnight Mass is a traditional church service held late on Christmas Eve, marking the transition into Christmas Day through prayer and song.**
- **Charity is a central theme of the season; many communities organize food drives and donations to support those who are less fortunate, reflecting the spirit of kindness.**

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus', which means 'coming'. For Christians, this period is a time of preparation and waiting, symbolised by the lighting of the Advent wreath, where each candle represents hope, peace, joy, and love.

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