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 'Cr■stesmæsse', 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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