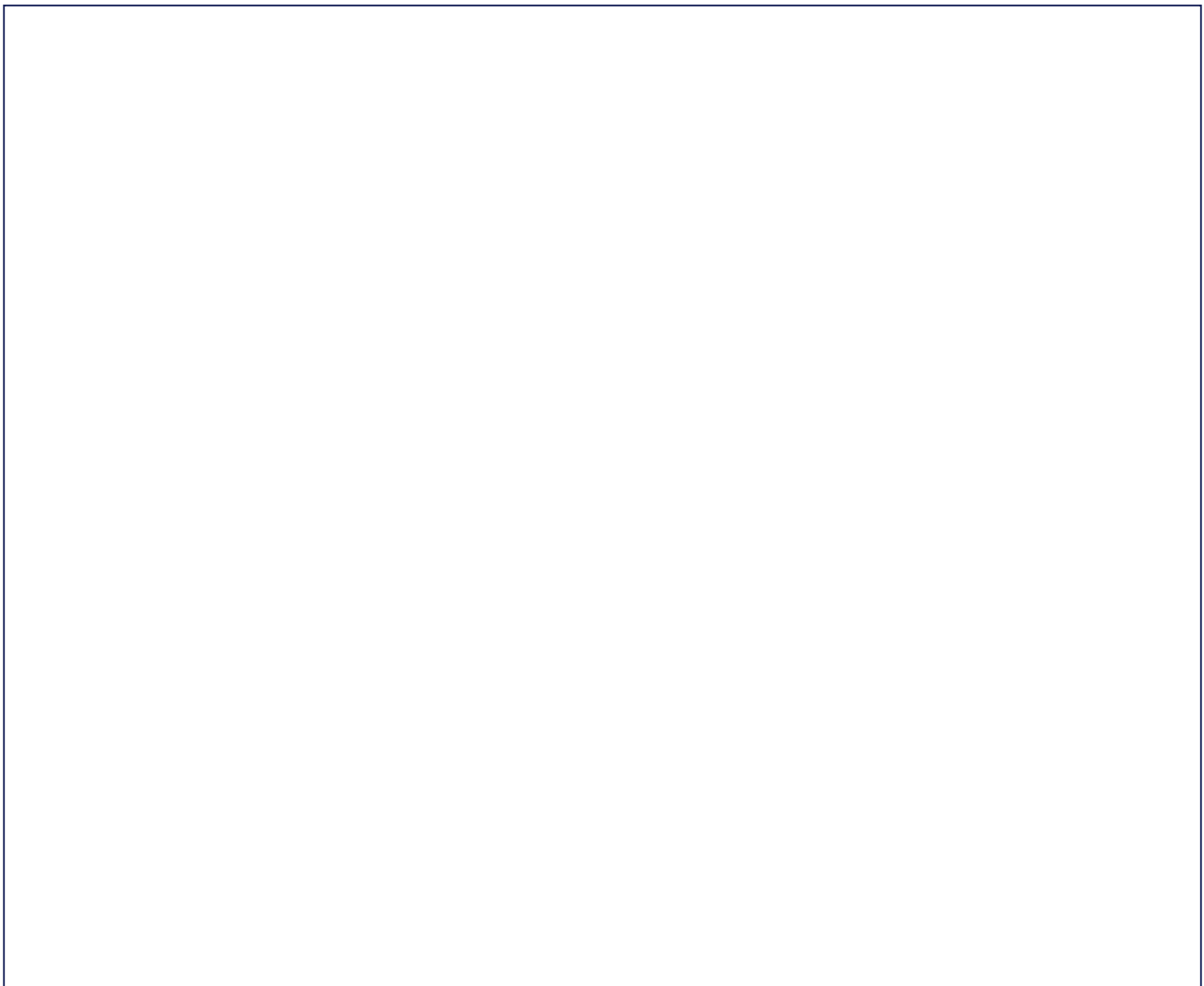


A Reflective Christmas: Traditions and Symbols

Learning objective: To explore the religious and cultural significance of Christmas symbols and their meanings in the Christian tradition.

Use your knowledge of Christian Christmas traditions to complete the drawing below. Label your work using the vocabulary provided to show your understanding of why these symbols are important to the celebration of the Nativity.

Draw: Draw a quiet, reflective scene depicting the interior of a home during the Christmas season. Include a Nativity scene on a table, a small evergreen tree with simple decorations, and a lit candle. Use a warm, soft colour palette. Ensure your style is neat and detailed, focusing on how the light from the candle interacts with the objects in the room.



Label words: Advent · Nativity · Incarnation · Evergreen · Stewardship · Symbolism · Epiphany

Steps:

1. Explain why the evergreen tree is often used as a symbol during the Christmas period in Christian tradition.
2. Compare and contrast the secular ways people celebrate Christmas with the religious observance of the Nativity.
3. Justify why the star is considered a significant symbol in the story of the Epiphany.

4. What might happen if the true meaning of the Nativity were forgotten during the festive season? Discuss your thoughts.

5. Label your drawing to show how the light of the candles represents the concept of 'the light of the world'.

6. Identify one way that Christians use the Christmas season to show kindness to others in their community.