

The Significance of Christmas: A Time of Reflection

Join Leo the Lion as we explore the history, customs, and deep meaning behind the season of Christmas!

- Why do Christians use the period of Advent to prepare for Christmas, and what does this signify in their faith?
- How does the story of the Nativity illustrate the Christian belief in the 'Incarnation'?
- In what ways do modern Christmas customs, such as sharing meals or giving gifts, reflect the Christian values of charity and generosity?
- Why is the midnight service or the Christmas morning Eucharist considered the most important part of the celebration for many Christians?
- How might a Christian family's celebration of Christmas differ from a commercialised or secular celebration of the holiday?

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'Christmas' comes from the Old English 'Crīstesmæsse', which literally means 'Christ's Mass'. While many traditions like gift-giving have become secular, the heart of the festival for Christians is the celebration of the Nativity—the belief that Jesus was born as the son of God.

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