

Grade 3 RE Assessment: The Meaning of Christmas

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the Christian celebration of Christmas, its meaning, and how it is observed.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you spell key words. Answer in the boxes provided.

For Christians, Christmas is a special time. It marks the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The story of his birth is called the Nativity. Before Christmas, there is a time called Advent. This is a time of waiting and preparing. Christians often share gifts to remember the love shown at Christmas.

Word bank: Incarnation · Jesus · Nativity · Bethlehem · Advent · Shepherds · Peace · Hope · Giving

1. 1. Who was born in Bethlehem according to the Christian story? (1 mark)

2. 2. What is the name for the period of waiting before Christmas Day? (2 marks)

3. 3. Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas? (Sentence starter: Christians give gifts because...) (3 marks)

4. 4. List two people or groups of people who visited the baby Jesus in the Nativity story. (4 marks)

5. 5. Imagine you are Pip the caterpillar. Write 3-4 sentences about why Christmas is a special time for many people. Think about love, family, and peace. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Nativity scene in the box below. Label the people you have drawn.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Explain what the 'Incarnation' means in your own words.