

Key Vocabulary

Christmas—Christian festival celebrating Jesus' birth.
It is celebrated on 25th December.

Christians—Followers of Christianity.

Nativity—The name of the story of Jesus' birth..

Gospels—Part of the bible that tells stories of Jesus' life.

Bible—The Christian Holy book. A collection of stories and teachings for Christians

Jesus—Founder of Christianity, believed to be son of God.

Bethlehem—The place of Jesus' birth.

Celebrate—Take part in some activities for a particular occasion.

Advent—A time of preparation before Christmas
It begins 4 Sundays before Christmas.

Advent Facts

- Time when Christians prepare for Christmas.
- It is the beginning of the Christian year.
- It starts around 30th November, four Sundays before Christmas.
- Churches display advent wreaths.
 - 5 candles. 1 lit each week.
 - Reminder of the light of God coming to the world.



The Nativity Story



Christmas Traditions

Star

How: Decorations often hung or placed on top of a Christmas tree.

Why: The star that led the Three Wise Men to the stable in Bethlehem.

Light

How: Candles, hanging lights and tree lights

Why: The light of God coming to the world.

Gifts

How: Presents are given to friends and family.

Why: Gifts given to Jesus by Wise Men. Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh.

Key Questions

Who celebrates Christmas?

How/Why is it celebrated?

Does everyone celebrate for the same reasons?

Does everyone celebrate in the same way?

What do Christians learn from the Christmas story?

What am I thankful for?



Advent Wreath

Gifts for Jesus