

Key Vocabulary

Christian	Somebody who follows the religion Christianity.
community	A group of people who live together in a particular area and who share a particular common interest.
Bible	The special book for Christians, which contains stories, prayers and teachings for Christians to learn and follow.
pray	A way in which Christians communicate with God.
Church	A special place for Christians to go to and worship God with other Christians.
worship	A way to show love and devotion to someone or God.
Christmas	A special time of year for Christians, when they celebrate and remember when Jesus Christ was born.
Jesus	God's son, who was sent down to Earth to lead Christians and show them how to live good lives.

Christmas Traditions

The story of the birth of Jesus is very important to many Christians. Many believe he was a gift from God.

People celebrate **Christmas** in lots of different ways and these include acting out a **nativity**, carol singing, putting up and decorating **Christmas** trees and hanging wreaths. Many families get together for a special meal on **Christmas Day**.

Many Christians give gifts at **Christmas** to show their love for one another. After his birth, the Three Wise Men gave Jesus special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were the kinds of gifts given to kings in the ancient world. They were very valuable and were probably the first **Christmas** presents.



How do you celebrate Christmas?

Key Questions

- What is a Christian?
- What is a community?
- Why do Christians read the Bible?
- Why do Christians pray to God?
- How do Christians worship God?
- How do Christians express their beliefs?
- What celebrations are important to Christians?

The Nativity Story

The Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby called Jesus and that he would be God's son.

Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. Mary rode on a donkey.

A kind inn keeper in Bethlehem let Mary and Joseph stay in his stable for the night and Jesus was born there.

An angel appeared to some shepherds and told them that the son of God had been born in Bethlehem. The shepherds walked to Bethlehem to visit the baby Jesus.

