

RE— Why is Christmas special for Christians?

Year 4+



Key vocabulary

<p>Christians They believe in God and Jesus. Christmas is special because they celebrate the birth of Jesus.</p>		<p>Joseph Mary's partner. He helped Mary to look after Jesus.</p>	
<p>Jesus Believed by Christians to be the son of God and also God in human form.</p>		<p>Angel Gabriel An angel believed to be sent from God who spoke to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds.</p>	
<p>God Christians believe that there is only one God and some believe that he created the world.</p>		<p>Shepherds They were looking after their sheep when Angel Gabriel appeared and told them about baby Jesus being born.</p>	
<p>incarnation The Christian belief that God was represented in human form through Jesus.</p>		<p>Wisemen They travelled from far away and followed a star to visit the baby Jesus. They bought gifts for Jesus.</p>	
<p>Mary She was believed to be chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus.</p>			

I can explain why Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday.

I can describe special things that Christians do at Christmas to share God's love.

I can explain how the Christmas story tells Christians that they are precious to God.

I can begin to understand that 'incarnation' describes that God came to earth as Jesus.

At Christmas time, Christians remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus. They believe that he is the son of God and God in human form. They call this 'incarnation'.

Home Learning:

Talk about your child's birth and birthday celebrations and those of family and friends.

Look at Christmas photos, cards and decorations. Consider whether any items relate to the story of Jesus' birth.

Talk about the importance of each character in the Christmas story.

Talk about other times of the year that are special to your family.