

Christianity-Birth of Jesus

Key learning

1	Advent is the time when Christians remember the time that Jesus came into the world in Palestine 2000 years ago. During Advent, Christians prepare for the celebration of the arrival of Jesus by buying gifts, decorating houses, singing carols and preparing for a feast. Advent is a time to celebrate light amidst darkness
2	Candles at Advent and Christmas symbolises the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus
3	The Nativity story is found in the New Testament in the Bible which is the Holy book of Christianity. Luke is the only Gospel that tells us of the details of the birth of Jesus. The story of Jesus is found in Luke 2:1-21
4	Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph. The Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a special baby and he was going to be God's son and called Jesus
5	The Emperor Augustus issued a decree that everyone had to travel to their home to be counted in a census
6	Mary and Joseph were offered a stable to stay in. This is where she had the baby Jesus and he slept in a manger
7	The Shepherds were the first to be told of Jesus birth and are an important part of the Nativity story
8	Magi are the Wise men. Christians believe that their gifts were not just an image of wealth but had a deeper significant meaning

Vocabulary

1	Virgin Mary and Joseph	The mother of Jesus and the father of Jesus
2	Magi	Known as the Three Wise Men. The Magi bought gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to the baby Jesus
3	Shepherds	A person who watches over sheep. The shepherds were the first people to be told about the birth of Jesus
4	Bethlehem	Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a city called Jerusalem
5	Saviour	Saviour is someone who saves people from danger. Christians refer to Jesus as their saviour
6	Census	A formal count of the number of people who live in a particular place. The Roman census required couples to travel to the husbands place of birth
7	Gospels	Means good news and are the first 4 books of the New Testament - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
8	Annunciation	Was the announcement by the angel Gabriel to Mary that she would have a son called Jesus and he would be the son of God.
9	Prophecy and faith	Prophecy means the act of seeing into the future and faith is a belief that or trust in something that has never been proved

Big Question

What do Christians believe is the meaning of each gift that the Magi gave to the baby Jesus?

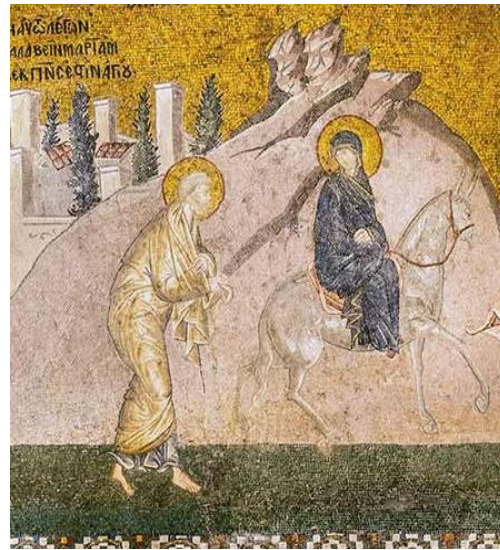
Prior Learning

- 1 Herod was King of Judea. He was worried that Jesus would eventually become more powerful than he was
- 2 Jewish men and women had been waiting for many years for someone special called the Messiah. The name Messiah means 'the one who is anointed.'
- 3 Christians believe that the Messiah the Jews were waiting for is Jesus. They believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the son of Mary, which means Jesus is God and human at the same time.
- 4 The Christian Bible includes the Jewish Bible and another 27 books. Christians call the Jewish Bible the Old Testament.

Recommended Reading

Holy Bible: The Nativity Story:

The New Testament: Gospel of Luke 2:1-21



National Treasures



Lincoln Cathedral - the oldest cathedral in the UK which dates back to Roman times



King Henry VIII who founded the Church of England

Rights of the Child/Global Goals

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| 1 | 14. Freedom of thought and religion | Children can choose their own thoughts, opinions and religion, but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Parents can guide children so that as they grow up, they learn to properly use this right |
| 2 | 30. Minority culture, language and religion | Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion - even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live. |

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4 QUALITY EDUCATION



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

