

Christmas

Why do we celebrate Christmas?

- Christians celebrate Christmas by remembering the birth of Jesus.
- People celebrate Christmas in lots of different ways depending on their beliefs, culture or faith.
- It can be a time for families and friends to spend together and give and receive gifts.
- Advent leads up to Christmas day it lasts for 24/25 days.
- Some Christians celebrate a festival called '*Christingle*' in the lead up to Christmas.
- Christians believe the birth of Jesus is the greatest gift from God.



Key Vocabulary

Jesus baby Mary Joseph Bethlehem

Nazareth stable shepherds kings

wise men gifts gold frankincense

myrrh celebrate presents advent

family traditions world different

Christingle



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Advent- the month of December before Christmas. (Advent calendars have numbered doors, sometimes they have a chocolate in)

Bethlehem/Nazareth- towns talked about in the story of Jesus birth.

Wise men- special kings that brought gifts to the baby Jesus.

Gold- a very expensive and important metal used to make jewellery.

Frankincense- a very expensive special perfume.

Myrrh-a yellowish-brown or reddish brown gum found in trees that can be made into oil.

Stable- a wooden shed which usually had cows, goats, donkeys and other animals living in it.

Christingle- a festival using an orange with red tape wrapped around it, it has four cocktail sticks pushed in it with pieces of fruit on them and a candle in the middle. The candle sometimes is lit again on Christmas day.

