

Christmas and festivals of light

We will be exploring and investigating?

- Why Christians celebrate Christmas by remembering the birth of Jesus?
- What happened in the Christmas story?
- What role the shepherds played in the story?
- Who were the **Magi/wise men/kings**?
- What were the gifts they brought to Jesus?
- Who was **Herod** and why was he **jealous** of Jesus?
- What is **advent** and how long does it last?
- How things that happened in the Christmas story are sung about in **Christmas carols**.
- What is a **pilgrimage** and why people go on them?

Word Bank

advent	shepherds	Magi
Herod	jealous	Nazareth
Bethlehem	travelled	myrrh
carols	songs	pilgrimage



Advent- the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Magi- another name for the kings/wise men.

Frankincense- comes from tree sap and has a strong fragrance, it can be used in festivals and perfumes.

Myrrh- is a reddish-brown dried sap from a thorny tree, it can be burned in temples and places of worship.

Jealous- a feeling you get when you wish you had something someone else has.

Pilgrimage- a special journey to a place of worship e.g. Bethlehem, Mecca.