

Preston Primary School Knowledge Organiser



RE: Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Term: Autumn 2

Unt 2: Year 1 and 2

Duration: 6 weeks

What do Christians think about God? What happened at the birth of Jesus? How do Christians say thankful to Christmas?



Advent Wreath



Crib scene



Advent Calendar



A star appeared in the sky.



The wise men followed the star and found Jesus. They said he was going to be a king.



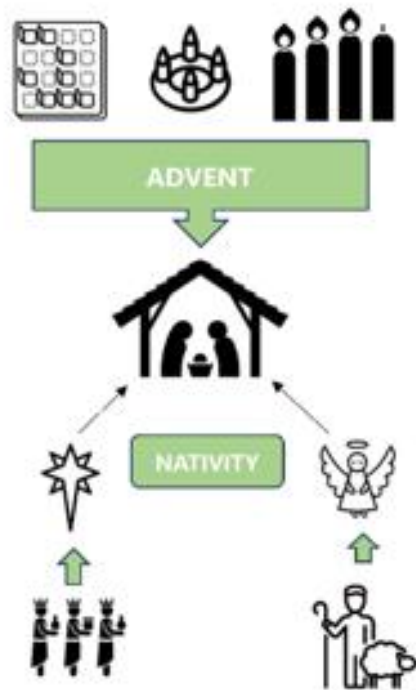
The shepherds came to see Jesus.



An angel came to see the shepherds.

How does it all work?

So how does it all work?



Important information

Christmas is a very important celebration around the world as a religious celebration for Christians and also as a secular celebration for many people who are not Christian.

At Christmas people remember the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. Christians use the weeks before Christmas known as **advent** to prepare for the celebration of God becoming human in Jesus. Christians believe that Christmas is a time to remember how Jesus came to earth as both God and human and they call this belief the **incarnation**.

Advent is a time when people will use advent calendars, wreaths, and candles to remember the days leading up to the birth of Jesus.

The story of the birth of Jesus is celebrated in many ways including through cards, Nativity plays and church services. Christians remember Mary and Joseph and the events of the story, including Jesus being born in a manger as there was no room anywhere else and how the first visitors to see him were the **shepherds**.

The shepherds were the first people to visit Jesus in the manger and this shows how Jesus was born for everyone, rich and poor alike.

Key Vocabulary

Incarnation



Incarnation: 'in the flesh'; Christians believe Jesus is God 'in the flesh', or God incarnate

Jesus



Jesus: The second person of the Trinity or the Son; God in the flesh

Mary



Mary: the mother of Jesus

Joseph



Joseph: the husband of Mary

Shepherds



Shepherds: the first people to visit Jesus after he was born

Advent



Advent: the four Sundays leading up to Christmas

Religious



Religious: believing in a religion

Birth



Birth: the arrival of a baby into the world