

Big Question:

Why do people give gifts at Christmas?

Year 2:

Autumn Term 2

Key Knowledge



Words we know



Words we are going to learn

Advent



Advent calendars are opened each day during **advent** to help people to count down to **Christmas**.



Advent wreaths are lit every Sunday during **Advent** a candle is lit. The candles remind **Christians** of the guiding light of God.

Each candle has a different meaning: hope, peace, joy, love and **Jesus**.

The white candle in the middle is lit on **Christmas** day to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

The Three Wise Men followed a star to worship the baby Jesus when he was born.



The Three Wise Men

Many people give gifts at **Christmas** now. This tradition comes from the Three Wise Men who gave **Jesus** gifts of **gold**, **frankincense** and **myrrh** when he was born on **Christmas** day.



Key Vocabulary

Spelling

Definition



Christmas

Christmas is the time when many Christians remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas day is on the 25th December.



Advent

Time for Christians to get ready for the birth of Jesus. Starts on the last Sunday in November and lasts until midnight on Christmas Eve.



frankincense

An expensive tree sap that is burned during worship. It showed that Jesus came from God.



gold

A precious and expensive metal. It showed Jesus' role as the King of Kings.



myrrh

A type sticky substance produced by certain trees. It showed the human suffering that Jesus would experience.



Bethlehem

The town where Jesus was born in a **manger**.



Jerusalem

The city where King Herod lived.



manger

A long trough used to feed animals in a barn. Jesus was born in a manger.



Nazareth

The city where Mary and Joseph lived.

What do we already know?

Year

You should already know...

Year 1

We learnt about what it means to be a Christian and about special people for Christians, including Jesus. We learnt that the Bible is a special book for Christians which contains lots of stories that have special meaning for Christians. We also had a Christingle day where we learnt about the meaning of the Christingle for Christians.

Year 2

We learnt about the why the Bible is a special book for Christians. We learnt about parables like The Lost Sheep and stories from the Bible about Noah, Joseph and Jonah. We discussed the meaning of these parables for Christians.