



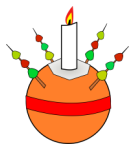
Y3 Thinking like a Theologist—Christianity and Christmas

Key Knowledge

Christianity: A religious faith based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Christmas: For Christians, this is a festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus. Lots of people celebrate Christmas in their own way, even if they are not Christians.

Important symbols for Christians:



Candles for Jesus, The Light of the World



Star over Bethlehem for the wisemen to follow



Dove for peace on earth



Candy canes for The Shepherd's crook



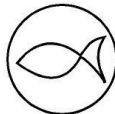
Angels that brought The Good News



Camels for The Wisemen



Gifts to remind us of the gifts of the wisemen and God's gift to us in Jesus



Fish symbol for followers of Jesus

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Key Vocabulary

Nazareth: The town where Mary and Joseph lived before having to travel to Bethlehem for the

Census.

Census: An official count of a population.

Bethlehem: The town where Jesus was born.

Advent: The time leading up to Christmas and the coming of Christ.

Christingle: A lighted candle symbolising Christ as the light of the world.

Carol: A song or hymn on theme of Christmas.

Church service: A communal worship that takes place in a church.

Learning Questions

What does Christmas mean to you?

What happened in the nativity story?

Why was the birth of Jesus important to Christians?

What might Christians do to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus?

If you could give a gift to the world, what would you give?

What else do you know?