



Key Vocabulary

Angel	A spiritual being that serves as a messenger from God. God's messenger to Mary was called the Angel Gabriel.
Frankincense	A fragrant ingredient used in perfumes.
Three Wise Men	Gentile who visited Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Bethlehem after the birth of Jesus. They were guided by a star and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Myrrh	Myrrh was used in perfumes and in Jesus' day was an embalming ointment which symbolises his death.
Incarnation	Represented in flesh i.e. Jesus was the incarnation of God.
Jesus	He is considered by Christians to be the son of God.
Christingle	The word comes from Germany and means "Little Christ Child" and is an object that is made that is used to celebrate Jesus Christ as the "Light of the World"

What should I already know?

Jesus was born in Bethlehem to Mary and Joseph.

Christians believed Jesus was a gift to the world.

Jesus was the Son of god.

The Nativity story and the key people in the story.

Key Questions

- 1 What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?
- 2 What symbols are there in the Christmas story and what meaning do they have?

Key Knowledge

Christingle
The orange represents the world, the candle is to remind Christians of Jesus as they believe he is the light of the world. The red ribbon goes all around the 'world' and reminds Christians that Jesus died because it symbolises his blood. The four cocktail sticks have two meanings; the four seasons or the four corners of the world and the sweets or dried fruit symbolise God's gifts to the world including kindness and love.

Symbols from the nativity story
The angel symbolises that Jesus was a special gift from God /the Incarnation of God. The wise men and the Shepherds are a contrast between rich and poor, symbolising that Jesus is a gift from God to everyone. Gold is a precious metal symbolising how precious Jesus is and represents his Kingship. The stable represents humble beginnings.

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