



Hearts and Lanterns



What does the Christmas story teach us?

1. Why do Christians use light as a symbol?

Christians believe that light shines through the darkness and that it is a symbol of hope and everlasting life. The Paschal Candle is the large white candle at the front of the church.



Date	Event
2000 years ago	Mary lived in a town called Nazareth
25th December	Jesus was born

2. What is the Christmas Story? Why is the birth of Jesus so important for Christians?

The Christmas story is a story retold by Christians about the birth of Jesus—the Son of God.

3. What symbols and objects are associated with Christmas and Christians?

Donkey, star, angels, crib and candle



4. What does the Christmas Story teach Christians?

God is a loving father.

5. How does Christmas relate to Easter?

Christmas remembers the birth of Jesus whilst Easter remembers Jesus' death.

Applying past knowledge

This relates to your learning from Year 1 where you learn about how and why people celebrate different festivals.

Key words

festival—a day or period of celebration, typically for religious reasons

celebrations—the action of celebrating an important day or event

Christmas—a religious celebration when Christians believe Jesus was born.

birth—when a mother gives birth to an off spring

crib—a bed for a baby

star—a burning ball of gas in the sky

symbols—a symbol is a mark, sign, or word that indicates, signifies, or is understood as representing an idea, object, or relationship

Paschal Candle— a large white candle at the front of the church.

