



## 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.



### 2. What is the Christmas Story?

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

3. Why are these objects and symbols important for Christians? Donkey, star, angels, crib, candle.

### 4. What does the Christmas story teach Christians?

It teaches Christians that Jesus's birth is important to their life and their beliefs along with that God is a loving Father.

How might the characters in the Christmas story feel? (Responding to the emotions of Mary, Joseph e.g. elation as a new baby has arrived, disappointment of not being allowed in the Inn, joy of the 3 kings and shepherds, awe and wonder as they follow a star.

### 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 offspring

**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.

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

