



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.

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

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 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.

