# Knowledge Mat- Christianity

## Has Christmas lost its true meaning?

## Sticky Knowledge

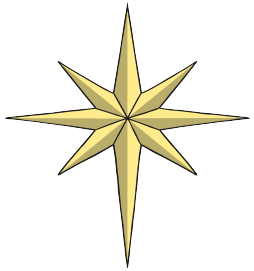
- ❑ I know the Christmas story and can re tell it.
- ❑ I know that the Nativity story tells Christians that Jesus was given to the world by God.
- ❑ I can explain where Nazareth is and who Mary and Joseph are.
- ❑ I know that the true meaning of Christmas for Christians is to remember that God gave Jesus to the world as a gift.
- ❑ I know that giving presents at Christmas is important for Christians because it helps them to remember that Jesus is a gift from God.
- ❑ I can describe the important Christmas symbols and their meanings













## Subject Specific Vocabulary

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| **Nativity** | The story from the Bible about the birth of Jesus. |
| **Bethlehem** | The town where Jesus was born, sometimes known as The City of David. |
| **Nazareth** | The city where Mary and Joseph lived. |
| **census** | A formal count of all the people who live in a particular place. The Roman census required couples to travel to the husband's place of birth. |
| **inn** | A house where travellers can stay |
| **manger** | A long trough used to feed horses or cattle. |
| **saviour** | Someone who saves others from harm or bad deeds. Christians refer to Jesus Christ as their saviour |
| **worship** | The feeling or act of showing respect, loyalty or love. |
| **astrologer** | Someone who studies the position and movement of the stars and interprets these as having an influence on humans. The astrologers in the nativity are also known as the wise men or kings. |
| **Jerusalem** | Someone who studies the position and movement of the stars and interprets them as having an influence on humans. The astrologers in the nativity are also known as the wise men or kings. |
| **King Herod** | The city where King Herod lived. |
| **frankincense** | An expensive tree sap that is burned during worship. It was given to show that Jesus was divine (came from God). |
| **myrrh** | A type of resin (sticky substance) produced by certain trees. It is often linked to death and was given to show the human suffering that Jesus would experience. |