



How is faith expressed?

Key Vocabulary

annunciation	The story of the Angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she will have a son, Jesus, the saviour of the world
incarnation	The Christian belief that Jesus is God in human form.
Nativity	The story of the birth of Jesus.
sacred	Something set apart for a religious or spiritual purpose.
saviour	A person who saves or rescues someone
secular	Not to do with religion or God.
symbolism	Using pictures or colours to express a special meaning.
traditional	Based around a part of culture that is passed from generation to generation.

Philosophy - Thinking

Can people who are not Christian celebrate Christmas? Are your Christmas celebrations more sacred or secular? How is the true meaning of Christmas shown in the art and music of your community?

Theology - Believing



Christmas is an important religious celebration for Christians because they remember the **incarnation**, the **coming of Jesus into the world**. It reminds Christians that

God loved the world. **Jesus** was the **Son of God** who came down to earth as a baby. Jesus described himself as the **good shepherd** and the **light of the world**.

In paintings, **symbolism** of objects and colours is used to **express religious beliefs**.



Social Science - Living

Christmas is **celebrated** by millions of Christians around the world in **many different ways**: nativity plays, (UK,USA), processions (Mexico), puppets (Belgium), cribs (Italy, Spain), shepherd's plays (South America).

Christmas is also celebrated by many people who are **not** Christians - **many Christmas traditions are not to do with the religious story**.



God



Creation



Fall



People of God



Incarnation



Gospel



Salvation



Kingdom of God