

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?



The Nativity story



An angel told Mary she was going to have a special baby.



Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem. Jesus was born. Mary wrapped him in cloth and laid him in a manger.



Angels amazed shepherds in the fields, telling them about the birth of the saviour.



The shepherds hurried to see baby Jesus and were filled with joy.



Far away, a group of wise Magi saw a bright star and followed it. The journey took a long time.



The Magi visited Mary and the young child, Jesus. They brought gifts fit for a king.



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A saviour

A saviour is someone who saves people from danger.



The Nativity – the first Christmas

- The Bible tells the story of a special baby called **Jesus**. He was born about 2000 years ago.
- Jesus and his family were Jewish.
- Christians believe that Jesus was the **incarnation** of God.
- Jesus grew up to be a leader and a **saviour**.
- Many Christians, like Danny, celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at **Christmas**.
- Many people who are not Christians enjoy celebrating Christmas too.



Danny

Advent

Advent is a time of waiting and getting ready for Christmas. It is celebrated by lighting candles in church.



Key vocabulary

- **Christ**: a special name for Jesus meaning chosen by God
- **Christmas**: Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ
- **Emmanuel**: from Hebrew meaning ‘God with us’
- **incarnation**: God with a body

