

### Links to religions



Christianity



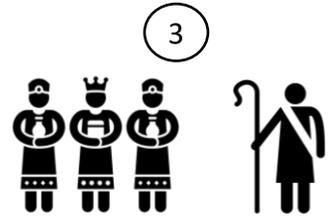
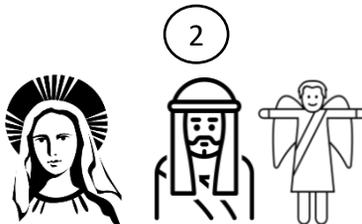
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### Key Vocabulary

Christmas	Christmas is celebrated on 25 December. It is a holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who, according to the Christian religion, is the son of God.	Angel Gabriel	The Angel Gabriel is the Christmas Angel. He is best known for the part he played in the Christmas nativity story. He is a significant figure in the religions of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity, and is widely believed to be a messenger of God.
Christianity	Christianity refers to the large group of religions who believe that the son of god was born a man - Jesus of Nazareth - over 2000 years ago.	Wise Men	A group of scholarly foreigners who travelled to visit Jesus after his birth, bearing precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
traditions	A tradition is a belief or behaviour (folk custom) passed down within a group or society with symbolic meaning or special significance with origins in the past.	Inn Keepers	An innkeeper is someone who owns or manages an inn. When you arrive at an inn, the innkeeper might be the person who checks you in and gives you a key to your room
Mary	The mother of Jesus. Mary was an important part of God's plan to bring Jesus, Our Saviour, into the world. She loved and cared for Jesus from the time He was a baby to the time He went back to Heaven.	Jesus	Christians believe that he is the son of God and was sent to save humans from sins they had committed. He was born to two ordinary Jewish people called Mary and Joseph. Once he was an adult, Jesus travelled all over the country teaching people about God and encouraging people to respect and love one another.
Joseph	Joseph is Jesus' father, he is married to Mary	Nativity	Nativity refers to the birth of a person, as well as the facts surrounding their birth. Today, the word nativity is most often used in reference to the birth of Jesus Christ.

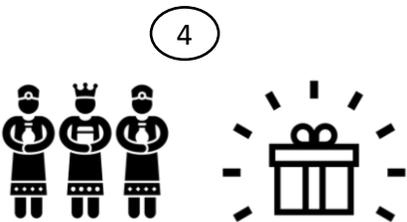
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Mary and Joseph were a married couple living in Nazareth, around 2000 years ago. One night, Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel (the archangel). Gabriel explained that God was to send his son to earth for mankind and that Mary would soon have a baby, that baby would be named Jesus and would be God's son.

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King Gasper, King Melchior, and King Balthazar travelled to Jerusalem to find the child who would become the king of Jews. The shepherds set out to tell others about Jesus' arrival. After hurrying off to find Mary, Joseph and Jesus, they told others. The innkeeper was there when Mary and Joseph arrived at the inn.



Christians thank God for giving them the gift of Jesus. Jesus, the Son of God, was born in a stable in Bethlehem. Jesus was visited by Three Wise Men from the East who had followed a star to Bethlehem. Jesus was given 3 gifts by the wise-men. Each gift says something about what Christians believe about Jesus. Gold says that Jesus is born to be King. Frankincense says that he is to be a kind of priest. Myrrh says he will one day die on a cross.



Christmas is a Christian festival that marks the birth of Jesus, who Christians believe to be the Son of God. A tradition is the handing down of information, beliefs, or customs from one generation to another. Christmas is a holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who, according to the Christian religion, is the son of God. The name is a joining of "Christ" and "mass" which means the holy mass (supper, celebration or festival) of Christ.