

WHY DOES CHRISTMAS MATTER TO CHRISTIANS AND HOW DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE IT?– Y1 AND Y2 RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS

Key Vocabulary

Christmas	A Christian festival celebrated in December
Jesus	The Son of God
Incarnation	The Christian belief in Jesus being fully God and fully human
Carols	Christmas songs
Celebration	An event that remembers an event in an exciting way
Nativity	The account of the birth of Jesus
Advent	It means 'coming' or 'arrival' - the time leading up to the celebration of Jesus birth
Bible	The Christian holy book

Christmas is celebrated around the world with presents, parties and special meals with family and friends. Many people put up decorations and send cards to one another. Christians hold special church services to recall and celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Many Christians and other people decorate their home at Christmastime.

Many families and children open up the doors on an Advent calendar or light Advent candles as they countdown the days to Christmas Day



Many churches hold Carol or Christingle services to celebrate Christmas.



Some Churches host a special community Christmas lunch for those who are elderly, homeless or alone at Christmas. They want to show care and kindness as Jesus commanded them to.



Churches in countries all around the world hold special services to celebrate Jesus' birth and share the nativity story with people in their neighbourhood.