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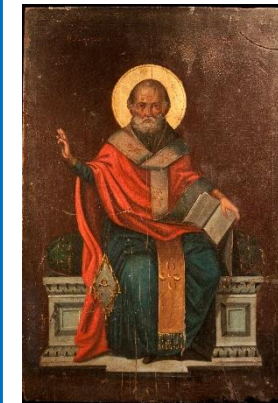
How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?

Who was Mary?:



Mary was a young Jewish woman who lived in Nazareth and married a carpenter called Joseph. She was around 20 years old when she became the mother of Jesus, and it is thought that she was between 46 and 49 years old when Jesus died.

The origin of Father Christmas



St Nicholas was the Archbishop of Turkey in the 4th Century. He is the patron saint of children because it is said he performed miracles and brought children back from death. St Nicholas also gave out presents to children, so this is where our Father Christmas came from.

Why is Mary important to Christians?

Mary is important to Christians because she was chosen to be the mother of their saviour, Jesus Christ. Mary was not a noble woman or a famous woman. She was a young lady who lived a good life. The Roman Catholic faith call her Saint Mary, the Mother of the Church. They believe that because she is the mother of Jesus, who is the head of the Church, then she must be its mother, too.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Bible	The holy book of the Christian faith.
chosen	To be selected from a group of objects, people, or things. Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus.
Christmas	25 th December. The time of year the Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.
conceive	To become pregnant with a child.
God	The entity Christians believe created heaven and earth. There is only one God.
Gospels	There are four Holy Gospels in the Bible. These are stories written about things Jesus did.
incarnation	This means 'God in human form'. Being created in the likeness of something or someone else.
Jesus	The son of God, and the person Christians believe will save the world from sin.
Jewish faith	The religious beliefs in which Mary, Joseph and Jesus were born.
Joseph	The human father of Jesus.
Mary	The lady chosen by God to become the mother of Jesus.
Nativity story	The story of the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem.
significant	Having a particular meaning. Being important and worthy of attention.
St Nicholas	The original Father Christmas. A 4 th century Archbishop of Turkey.
Traditions	Things we do on a regular basis for a specific reason.

Christmas Traditions

For centuries people have been celebrating Christmas in one form or another. Many countries have their own particular **traditions**, such as the massive tree in Times Square in America and eating a turkey meal on Christmas day. Each family will have their own set of **Christmas** traditions, too. Some people hang up stockings while others leave a lump of coal for Father Christmas. One reason the plants holly, ivy and mistletoe are associated with Christmas is because they are evergreens. This means they retain their leaves all year round. These plants added festive colour to medieval and renaissance Christmas tables.

