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Has Christmas lost its true meaning?

Definition	Key vocabulary
advent	Advent is the time of waiting for Christmas, which marks the arrival of Jesus to earth just over 2000 years ago. Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to the 30th November and lasts until Christmas Eve.
archangel	An angel of high rank
Bethlehem	The town where Jesus was born.
bible	The holy book for Christians with God's teachings.
census	A formal count of all the people who live in a particular place. The Roman census required couples to travel to the husband's place of birth.
Christmas	A Christian festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.
frankincense	An expensive tree sap that is burned during worship. It was given to show that Jesus was divine (came from God).
inn	A house where travellers can stay; similar to a hotel.
manger	A long trough used to feed horses or cattle.
myrrh	A type of resin (sticky substance) produced by certain trees. It is often linked to death and was given to show the human suffering that Jesus would experience
nativity	The story from the bible about the birth of Jesus.
Nazareth	The city where Mary and Joseph lived.
sacrifice	An act of offering or giving up something. Jesus sacrificed himself when he was crucified.
saviour	Someone who saves others from harm or bad deeds. Christians refer to Jesus Christ as their saviour.

Angel Gabriel

Christians believe that the Christmas Angel, or Angel Gabriel, was an archangel. Angel Gabriel, or the Christmas angel, is maybe best known for his delivery of information to the Virgin Mary, where he revealed that she was to bear the son of God, Jesus Christ. Mary was a religious woman and was picked by God to carry Jesus.

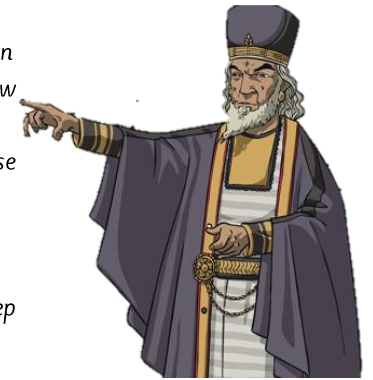


Shepherds

Shepherds were watching over their sheep on a hillside near Bethlehem. They were surprised when an angel appeared. The angel told them that a special baby had been born and he would be a saviour to the world.

King Herod

King Herod was the 'king of the jews'. When he heard from the three wise men that a new king was born, Herod was worried that he would lose his crown, so he ordered the wise men to bring the new king (Jesus) to him. When the wise men did not return, King Herod ordered for all the baby boys in Bethlehem to be killed, so that he could keep his throne.



The Three Wise Men

The wise men found Jesus in the stable. They worshipped him and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The wise men had a dream telling them not to let King Herod know where to find Jesus. King Herod gave orders that all baby boys in Bethlehem should be killed.

The Christmas Story is also called 'The Nativity'.

In this story, an angel appeared to Mary and told her that she was going to have a baby and that he would be the Son of God and he would be called Jesus.

While Mary was pregnant, a census took place and she and Joseph (her husband) had to travel to Bethlehem - their town of birth.



When they arrived in Bethlehem, there was no room at any inns for them to stay in but they were allowed to stay in a stable. This is where Jesus was born. Angels told shepherds on a hillside that the Son of God had been born so they went to visit him in Bethlehem. Wise men spotted a bright star in the sky and knew this meant a king had been born so they went to visit with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. King Herod heard that a new king had been born from the wise men and ordered that all the baby boys in the area be killed. An angel appeared in a dream to Joseph and Mary and warned them, so they travelled to Egypt with baby Jesus and were safe.