



Christianity: Christmas - Jesus as a gift from God

Key Vocabulary

	Definition
Advent	The lead up to Christmas.
Nativity	The birth of Jesus Christ.
Saviour	A person who saves someone or something.
Christmas	The annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth, held on 25 December.
Agape:	Agape is universal love, such as the love for strangers, nature, or God. It is also called charity
Trinity:	God (the Father), Jesus (his son) and the Holy Spirit.
Incarnation:	God becoming man or literally being "made flesh"

Why Jesus was sent to earth

Christians believe that God sent Jesus to save/help the world and they look forward to Christmas as the time of his birth. God thought the world needed someone to 'save it' so Jesus came to help people see what they could do to make the world better.

What Jesus taught

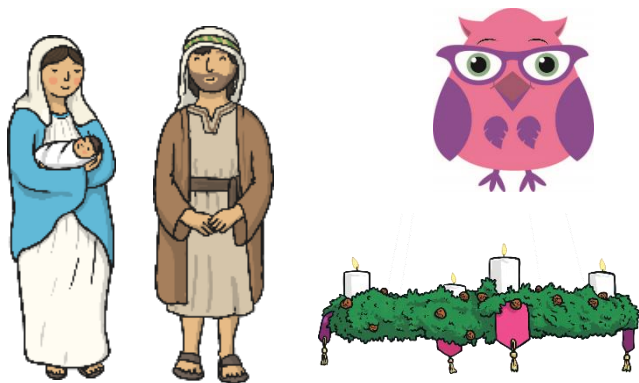
Jesus came to teach everybody to love one another and be kind to each other and in this way the world would become a better place. 'Love your neighbour as yourself' (Mark 12:28-31).

Advent

The time when Christians prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent is the four weeks before Christmas.

Advent wreath

Churches often display an Advent wreath during Advent. There are four candles standing in the circle. In the centre there is a fifth candle. The fifth candle is lit on Christmas day to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Key Questions

- Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?
- Does the world need to be saved/rescued?
- How can showing love to people save/rescue them?
- How do Christians believe Jesus saved the world?
- How could you help solve a problem in the world?