



Year 4 Religious Education: Christmas

What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?



Key Vocabulary

gold

Gold is a precious metal symbolising how precious Jesus is and represents his Kingship.

frankincense

Used in perfume and incense and represents Jesus' priestly role.

myrrh

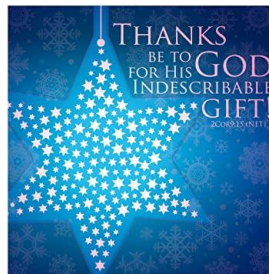
Used in perfumes and incense and in Jesus' day was an embalming ointment which symbolises his death.

Christingle

Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets or dried fruit and a candle. They represent Jesus being the light of the world.

Incarnation

The Christian belief that God took human form in Jesus Christ.



Key Skills

- Design a symbolic object to show the significance of Christmas or the Christmas holiday to me.
- Describe one thing a Christian might learn about Jesus from a Christmas symbol.
- Ask questions about what Christmas means to Christians and compare this with what it means to me.

Sticky Knowledge

The angel symbolises that Jesus was not just an ordinary man. Angels are not an everyday occurrence and were there to show people that Jesus was a special gift from God. The Incarnation of God.

The star guided the wise men just as Jesus is the light that guides people to God.

The wise men and the Shepherds are an interesting contrast between rich and poor, symbolising that Jesus is a gift from God to everyone.

The manger and stable were humble beginnings for a 'King'. The stable continues to represent humble beginnings and also people not finding room in their lives for God.

Jesus as God's son symbolises God's gift to the world in order to save and help the world.