

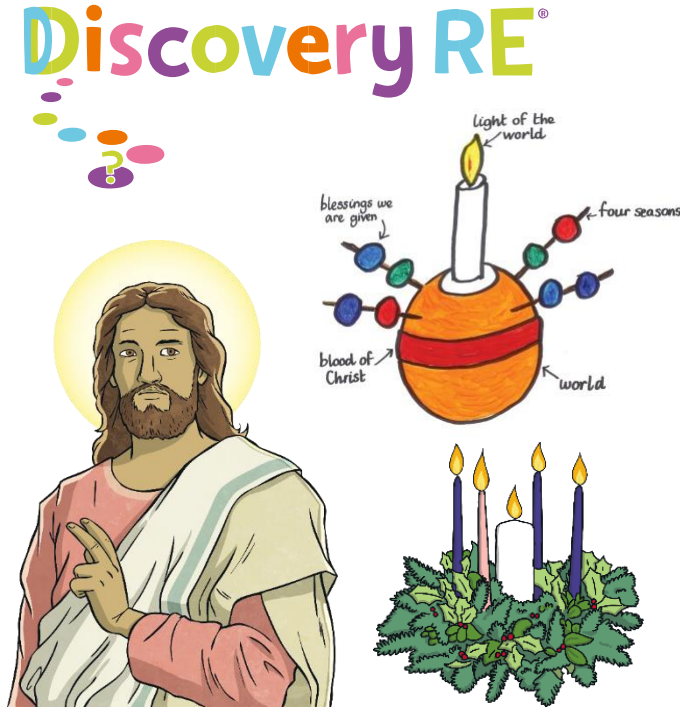


# Year 3 Religious Education: Christmas

## Has Christmas lost its true meaning?



Key Vocabulary	
<b>Advent</b>	The season leading up to Christmas; includes the four Sundays before Christmas Day.
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	The last day of Advent.
<b>Nativity</b>	The story of Jesus's birth.
<b>Advent wreath</b>	A wreath with four candles, one for each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day. Some wreaths will have another candle in the centre to mark Christmas Day itself.
<b>incarnation</b>	God in human form.
<b>shepherds</b>	The shepherds were led to Jesus by an angel.
<b>wise men</b>	Wise men followed a star that led them to Jesus and they presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
<b>Christingle</b>	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.



Key Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain what Christmas means to me and talk about whether this involves giving and receiving gifts.</li> <li>• Start to explain the Christian belief that Jesus was God in human form and why God gave him to the world.</li> <li>• Start to say what Christmas means to Christians and what it means to me.</li> </ul>

### Sticky Knowledge

The Christmas Story is the story of God sending his son from Heaven to Earth in the form of Jesus Christ.

Christians believe the true meaning of Christmas is love. They believe that God gave His only Son to take the punishment for our sins.

Christians celebrate Christmas each year to remember the birth of Jesus Christ by giving gifts, worshipping him and thinking of the poor and less fortunate.