Christmas Celebrations

RE Knowledge Organiser: Christianity

What I know already

I know the Christian story of the nativity.

Vocabulary

Christians: Followers of Christianity.

Nativity: The story of the birth of Jesus.

Jesus: Christians believe he is God's son.

God: A powerful being that Christians believe created the world.

Bible: A special book for Christians.

Church: A church is a special place where Christians gather to worship God.

Gift: Something given to show love or kindness.

Love: Caring for others.

Gratitude: Being thankful.

Prayer: When people share their thoughts, feelings and thanks with God.

Tradition: Something people do every year as part of a celebration.

Cultural: Linked to people's customs, food, music and lifestyle.

Big Idea

- Christmas is a **Christian festival**.
- Christianity is the world's largest religion with around 2.4 billion followers.



- There are many different **Christian groups** around the world.



- Most Christians will celebrate Christmas, but not all in the same ways, or even on the same day!



- Christians celebrate Christmas to remember the **birth of Jesus** - God's **gift** to the world.



- Christmas celebrations often include special stories, food and **traditions**.



- Some Christians go to **church** at Christmas to pray, sing carols or listen to passages from the Bible.
- Some **non-Christians** also celebrate Christmas as a **cultural** festival.



Ways of Knowing

We can learn about Christmas celebrations by:

Reading the Nativity Story in the Bible.





Researching Christian Christmas traditions around the world.



Exploring similarities and differences in Christian church services and objects, like the Nativity Scene, from around the world.



Thinking Questions

- Does everyone celebrate the same things at Christmas time?
- What makes a celebration special?
- Why is Christmas celebrated in different ways around the world?
- What is the same for all Christians?

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