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Key Vocabulary		The Nativity Story	
Christmas	Christmas is the time when Christians remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus, the son of God.	<p>The Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby called Jesus and that he would be God's son.</p> <p>Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. A kind innkeeper in Bethlehem let Mary and Joseph stay in his stable for the night and Jesus was born there.</p>	
Christmas Day	Christmas Day is celebrated by Christians all over the world on 25th December every year. It is a special holiday when most offices, shops and all schools are closed.	<p>An angel appeared to some shepherds and told them that the son of God had been born in Bethlehem. The shepherds walked to Bethlehem to visit the baby Jesus.</p> <p>Some Wise Men saw a star in the sky and knew that it meant a king had been born. They followed the star. They went past the palace of King Herod who asked the men to tell him where the baby was. The Wise Men found baby Jesus but they received a message from God warning them not to tell Herod so they didn't.</p>	
Nativity	A play that tells the story of the birth of Jesus.	Herod began to search for Jesus. He ordered that all baby boys in Bethlehem be killed. However, after a warning in a dream, Mary and Joseph travelled to Egypt with Jesus and he was safe.	

Christmas Traditions

The story of the birth of Jesus is very important to Christians. Many believe he was a gift from God.

People celebrate **Christmas** in lots of different ways and these include acting out a **nativity**, carol singing, putting up and decorating **Christmas** trees and hanging wreaths. Many families get together for a special meal on **Christmas Day**.

Many Christians give gifts at **Christmas** to show their love for one another. After his birth, the Wise Men gave Jesus special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were the kinds of gifts given to kings at that time. They were very valuable and were probably the first **Christmas** presents.





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