

# Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

## Wonderful words

**Incarnation:** 'in the flesh'; Christians believe Jesus is God 'in the flesh', or God incarnate

**Jesus:** The second person of the Trinity or the Son; God in the flesh

**Mary:** the mother of Jesus

**Joseph:** the husband of Mary

**Shepherds:** the first people to visit Jesus after he was born







**Advent:** the four Sundays leading up to Christmas

**Secular:** anything that is not connected with religion or religious worldviews

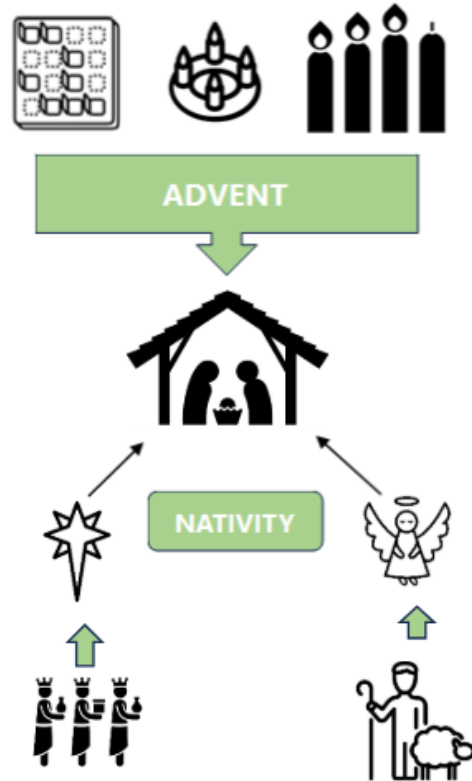
**Religious:** believing in a religion

**Birth:** the arrival of a baby into the world

**Celebration:** an enjoyable activity held to remember something

 incarnation	 advent	 secular
 religious	 birth	 celebration

## So how does it all work?



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I CAN think, talk and ask questions about Christmas for people who are Christians and for people who are not.

Year 1	Year 2
I can talk about what happens at Christmas and why it is special for Christians.	I can talk about why Christmas is important for Christians and say what I enjoy or think is special about it.

I CAN decide what they personally have to be thankful for, giving a reason for their ideas.

Year 1	Year 2
I can talk about things I am thankful for.	I can talk about what I am thankful for and say why.

