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Vocabulary	
Incarnation	the belief that God took human form in Jesus Christ and also that God in Christ is active in the church and world
Christian	people who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and who follow his teachings
birth	the act of bringing a new baby or baby animal into the world.
celebrate	to make special or honour with gifts, parties, or activities
church	a building for public worship and especially Christian worship
Advent	a ceremony that symbolises a commitment to living a life as a Christian
symbolism	is when one object or thing stands in the place of something else
blessings	in religious rituals, it is said the God blesses those who are good, or people can bless God
Nativity	the <i>Nativity</i> is the birth of Jesus, which is celebrated by Christians at Christmas
gospels	Stories from Jesus' life come from the gospels
Bethlehem	an ancient town in the Middle East. It is important to Christians, who believe it is where Jesus Christ was born

How does the story of the Nativity guide Christians' beliefs and actions?



How is the birth of a baby celebrated by Christian believers?



How do we prepare for – and celebrate – the birth of a baby?

How do Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus?

What is the story of the Nativity?

Why does Advent precede the birth of Jesus, what does it mean and how is it celebrated?

