

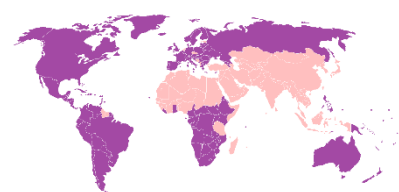
Religious Education Y2/3 Autumn Term 2



Has Christmas lost its true meaning?

Knowledge

- Christmas means different things to different people.
- People have different Christmas traditions.
- Christmas is a Christian festival but can be celebrated by non-Christians.
- It is the celebration of the birth of Jesus.
- His birthday is still celebrated today because Christians believe he was a gift from God.
- Christians believe that Jesus was God incarnate.
- In the nativity, God chose Mary to be Jesus' mother. Mary and Joseph were travelling when Jesus was born so he was born in a stable. He was visited by shepherds and the magi who were guided by a star and gave him gifts.
- Christmas is mainly celebrated in countries where Christianity is the main religion.
- It is celebrated in different ways around the world.
- Many people celebrate Christmas with a mixture of religious and secular traditions.
- Religious Christmas celebrations are linked to the nativity.
- Secular Christmas celebrations have developed from many different traditions.



Vocabulary

Christmas = the Christian celebration of Jesus' birth, held on 25th December each year

God incarnate = God in human form

Jesus = God in the flesh (in human form), known as the son of God

magi = the three kings/wise men

nativity = the story of Jesus' birth

non-Christian = someone who does not follow the religion of Christianity (they may follow another religion or no religion at all)

religious = linked to religion/believing in God

secular = not linked to religion

tradition = something that people often or always do, often passed down through families

