

## Key Content

- know how some of the ways I choose to celebrate are directly linked to the event I am celebrating, and how other ways are not.

- know some of the ways that Christians would celebrate Christmas and start to understand which of these would help them understand who Jesus was and why he was born.

- know that people may celebrate Christmas in different ways and say whether or not I feel this relates to Jesus.

### Key Vocabulary

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<b>Nativity</b>	The story of the birth of Jesus Christ.
<b>significant</b>	Something that is important enough to be noticed and spoken about or has a special meaning.
<b>interpret</b>	To decide on the meaning of something based on the evidence that you have. Different people may interpret things in different ways.
<b>recount</b>	To retell the events of something that has happened.
<b>compare</b>	To find the similarities and differences between things.
<b>gospel</b>	The record of Christ's life and teachings in the first four books of the New Testament (part of the Bible).

### Advent

Churches prepare to celebrate the arrival of Jesus during **Advent**. They wear purple and decorate the church in purple as it **symbolises** royalty and reminds Christians that **Advent** is a time for prayer, reflection and preparation.

Christians all believe that the Christmas Story is **significant**. However, some Christians view the story in a **metaphorical** way while other Christians believe the story is literally true.

### Different Advent Celebrations Around the World

Christmas is celebrated in different ways around the world. In Sweden, it is celebrated on 13th December as Saint Lucia's Day. It is to honour a girl who was put to death for her Christian beliefs in Roman times (when people were expected to worship Roman Gods). Saint Lucia was caught feeding Christians, who were hiding in caves.

### Christmas Customs

There are lots of different ways that people celebrate Christmas and Advent:

- Christmas trees **symbolise** the everlasting life of God;
- Mistletoe is a **symbol** of peace and joy and is used to show friendship and goodwill;
- **Advent** calendars, wreaths and candles are different ways of counting down to Jesus' birthday;
- Christingles symbolise the importance of Jesus and the **gospel**.