

Key Content

Know about a symbolic object to show the significance of Christmas or the Christmas holiday to me.

know one thing a Christian might learn about Jesus from a Christmas symbol.

know what Christmas means to Christians and compare this with what it means to me.

Key Vocabulary		Knowledge	Links to other religions
<p>Incarnation :</p> <p>The Christian belief that Jesus is God in a human body. The word 'incarnate' is Latin for "in the flesh."</p> <p>Christingle :</p> <p>A symbolic object that means 'Christ's light'.</p> <p>Symbol :</p> <p>A sign, shape or object with a special meaning that is used to represent something else.</p> <p>Jesus :</p> <p>Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God.</p> <p>Advent:</p> <p>The first season of the Church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays.</p>	<p>In the Christmas story, there are lots of important symbols which show the birth of Jesus was a special event: The angels symbolise that Jesus wasn't an ordinary man. Angels aren't everyday occurrences and were there to show people that Jesus was a special gift from God. The star guided the Wise Men just as Jesus is the light that guides people to God. The Wise Men and the Shepherds show the difference between rich and poor, symbolising that Jesus is a gift to everyone. The gifts from the Wise Men: gold is a precious metal symbolising how precious Jesus is and represents his Kingship. Frankincense is used in perfume and incense and represents Jesus' priestly role, Myrrh is also used in perfumes and incense and in Jesus' day was an embalming oil which symbolises his death. The manger and the stable were humble beginnings for a 'King.'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Seder Plate (Judaism). The Seder plate traditionally holds five or six items, each of which symbolises a part of the Passover story. • The Milk & The Jasmine Flower (Sikhism). The story of Duni Chand & the Silver Needle. Guru Nanak shows the townspeople there is always room in the world for more holiness, and that only good deeds go with us to the next world, not money and gold. • Easter (Christianity). The Easter story. The Crucifixion & the Resurrection. The story of how Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross but came back to life. • Monkey King (Buddhism). the story of the Monkey King showing the greedy human King the importance of caring for his people. 	

