

# Christianity:

## Why do Christians believe that God gave Jesus to the world?

- Christians believe that Jesus was born in Bethlehem and was the Son of God.
- The Bible says that his birth showed he was extraordinary and that he came to bring good news.
- Christians celebrate Jesus' birth.
- Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus's coming.
- Christmas is a time for giving —the wise men gave presents when Jesus was first born.
- As Christmas is a time for both giving and thinking of the poor, lots of Christians like to give presents and help those in need at Christmas time.



### Links with other religions

**Chanukah** (Judaism) - Like Christmas, it is a winter festival, celebrated by retelling the Christmas story, giving gifts, sharing special foods and customs.

**Jesus** (Judaism) - Jews do not believe Jesus was the Son of God.

**Jesus** (Islam) - Muslims believe Jesus is a messenger of Allah (God). They do not believe Jesus is the Son of God.

| Key          | Vocabulary   |
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| Incarnation  | 'in the flesh'   |
| Wise Men     | Men of great learning  |
| Gold         | A yellow precious metal  |
| Frankincense | A scented resin used in incense and perfumes.  |
| Myrrh        | Natural resin used as perfume, incense and medicine.   |
| Advent       | The period beginning on the 4th Sunday before Christmas.   |
| Custom       | A traditional way of behaving or doing something that is specific to a particular society, place, or time. |