



Vocabulary	Definition
Incarnation	The idea that God became a man in the form of Jesus.
Symbolism	An important object that represents something else.
Cross	A symbol of Christianity.
Advent	An important part of the Christian calendar.
Universal	It is recognised by all people around the world.
Cultural	A way of life for a specific group of people.
Representation	The action of speaking or action on behalf of someone or something.
Christingle	A symbolic object used during Advent.

AT1 Learning about Religion Expression and language (how people express themselves).

To understand the symbolism in the Christmas story and think about what the different parts mean to Christians today.

Key Questions

What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?

Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion?

Can the arts help to communicate religious beliefs?

The Bible

The Christian holy book is the Bible. It has two parts: the **Old Testament** and the **New Testament**. There are over 66 books within the Bible, which include letters, laws, poems and stories.



There are a number of symbols associated with **Christianity**:



What's in the Bible?

The **Bible** contains lots of different types of texts. There are:

- psalms;
- proverbs;
- letters;
- laws;
- histories;
- prophecies;
- parables.

The Gospels

The four **gospel** writers are:

Matthew;
Mark;
Luke;
John.

Different versions of the same story can be found in the **gospels**.