Key Knowledge

Jesus was born in Bethlehem and Christians believe he was God's son. Mary was his mother and Joseph was engaged to her at the time.

The elements of the Christingle have a symbolism:

The **orange** represents the world.

The **candle** reminds Christians of Jesus whom they believe to be the light of the world.

The **red ribbon** goes all round the 'world' and being the colour of blood, reminds Christians that Jesus died.

The **four cocktail sticks** are the four seasons.

The **sweets** (or sometimes dried fruit) remind Christians of God's gifts to the world.

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

Key Vocabulary

incarnation
Christingle
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symbol



Learning questions

What symbols are associated with the Nativity and what do they represent?

How do Nativity symbols help Christians remember the Christmas story?

Which parts of the Nativity story are most meaningful for Christians?

How is symbolism used in Christian celebrations of Christmas?

What does the Nativity story teach Christians about Jesus?

Which aspect of the Nativity story is most significant for Christians today and why?