



Key Vocabulary

Christianity - a religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ

Incarnation - to take human form

God - Creator of all things

Jesus - Christians believe Jesus to be the Son of God and their saviour

Holy Trinity - God in three forms; father, son and Holy spirit

Gospels - four books in the New Testament -written accounts of the life and teachings of Jesus

Advent - The period before Christmas where Christians await the birth of Jesus

Nativity - the birth of Jesus

Immanuel - a name given to Jesus. It means 'God is with us'

Angel Gabriel - one of God's messengers. He brought the news of a baby to Mary

Prophecy - prediction of what will happen in the future



Good News

The **Gospel** of Luke says that Mary was visited by the **Angel Gabriel**. He told her she would have **God's** baby and should call the baby **Jesus**, which means 'saviour'.



Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem?

Ancient **prophecies** stated that the messiah would be born in Bethlehem. In the **Gospel** of Luke, Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem as the Roman Emperor had ordered a census of all people. They had to go to the town of Joseph's birth.

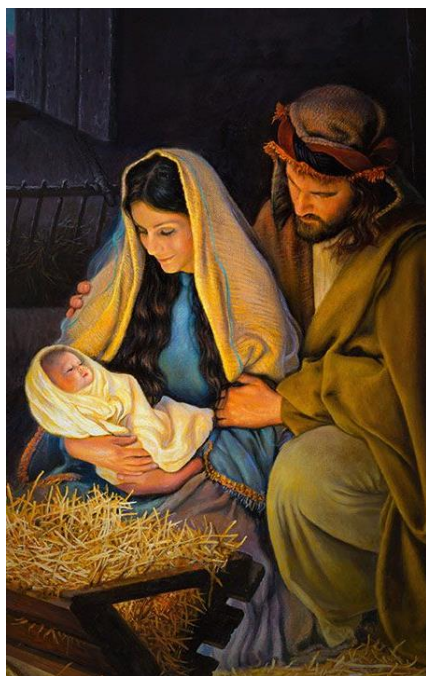


Who visited the infant Jesus?

According to the Bible, **Jesus** was visited by shepherds and the Magi (or Wise Men).

In the book of Matthew, **Jesus** is presented as a king and is visited by The Three Wise Men, distinguished foreigners who bought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Christ.

More concerned about ordinary people, Luke tells of the visit by shepherds; humble men, who had little to bring as gifts.



The meaning behind the Magi's gifts

Gold: is a symbol of kingship and recognised that Jesus would become Christ the King

Frankincense: is a perfume and a symbol of deity (God)

Myrrh: is an anointing oil was given as a symbol of death

