

RE Knowledge Organiser—Christianity Year 3

Christianity is the world's largest religion. It is based on the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth and has around 2.4 billion followers.

Christians believe in one **God**, who created everything. Followers of **Jesus**, **Christians**, believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came to save people from their sins. He was born about 2000 years ago in Bethlehem but died on a cross and was **resurrected** 3 days later.

The **Bible** is the Christian holy book divided into the Old and New Testaments.

A **Church** is a place of worship.



Has Christmas lost its true meaning?



Christmas is very important to Christians because it is the time they celebrate God's son, Jesus, being born and sent as a gift to Earth to help people. **Advent**, means 'coming' and reminds Christians to remember and prepare for the celebration of Christmas Day— It starts 4 weeks beforehand and is often counted down with a candle or calendar.



Nativity means the birth of a person. By definition nativity also includes the facts of someone's birth, such as the time, place and situation.



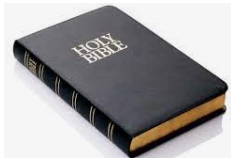
Miracles

A **miracle** is an event that cannot be explained by natural or scientific laws.



Christians believe that Jesus was the son of God and able to **heal** people (the process of making

or becoming healthy again), to open their eyes to the existence of God. The miracles were all recalled as stories in the **Bible**.



Jesus travelled with his **Disciples**—12 of his closest friends who helped him to share the teachings of God as they travelled together.

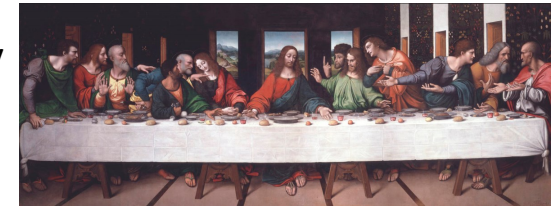
The Easter Story

The Easter Story is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ—the belief that Jesus rose from the dead 3 days after he dies on the cross.



The story starts on **Palm Sunday** where Jesus arrives in Jerusalem for Passover on a donkey. Palm branches were waved to welcome him. On **Maundy Thursday**, the day that he ate **The Last Supper** with his **Disciples**.

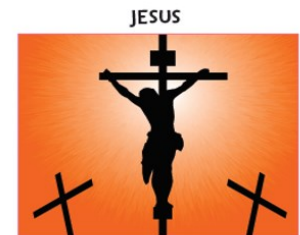
This was Jesus' last meal before being betrayed by **Judas** and being arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane whilst in



prayer. Prayer is the activity of speaking to God as part of a relationship with him. Christians remember the meal through eating bread and drinking wine to symbolise Jesus'



body and blood. On **Good Friday** Jesus was sentenced to death on a **Cross** then laid to rest in the tomb with a stone rolled in front of it.



Was Good Friday good for Jesus?