



Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Christian	A person who believes in the religion of Christianity
Christmas	A Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus
Jesus	The son of God
Nativity	The story from the bible about Jesus' birth
Mary and Joseph	Jesus' parents on earth
Shepherds	Characters in the nativity
Wise Men / or Three Kings	Three characters in the nativity who brought gifts at Jesus' birth
Bethlehem	The town where Jesus was born
Parable	A story like The Lost Sheep which teaches something
Christmas dinner	A festive meal eaten at Christmas

Jesus

Jesus was a real person who lived about 2000 years ago. Christians believe he was the son of God.

His mother was called **Mary** and he was born in **Bethlehem**.



The Lost Sheep

Jesus taught lots of people to be kind and told stories with important lessons in them. These stories can now be found in the bible.

The Lost Sheep is a story about a shepherd who leaves his 99 sheep to look for one that is missing.



The Lost Sheep is a **parable**: a story that has a lesson to learn in it.

The story symbolises Jesus taking care of people who are lost and in need of help.



The Nativity

The **nativity** story is a Christian story from the bible, celebrating the birth of **Jesus**. It explains how **Mary** found out that she would be Jesus' mother and how lots of special people came to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Here are some of the key characters in the nativity story:



Baby Jesus



Mary



Joseph



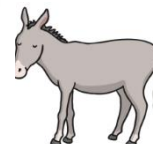
Shepherds



Wise Men



Angel Gabriel



Donkey



King Herod



Innkeeper

Food at Christmas



Christians eat special **Christmas dinners** during the Christmas festival.

Extending Your Learning

1. Make a mini nativity scene out of recycled materials. Can you use it to retell the story?



1. Try cooking your own special festive meal. What would you put in it and why?
2. Learn about some of the other parables that Jesus taught (e.g. The Good Samaritan). What lessons can you learn from these stories?