

Year 5 & 6 - What do people believe about the term 'epiphany' and how it is related to Christmas?

Prior Knowledge

Preceding

- Christmas is important for Christians because it celebrates the birth of *Jesus Christ, God's son*.
- Christians remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas time.
- The meaning and importance of the Christingle and Advent in the preparation for Christmas.
- People of faith often take long journeys known as pilgrimages to special places. This is represented in the Christmas story.

Key Knowledge

- Epiphany means - 'to show' 'to make known' 'to reveal'. Jesus was revealed as Lord and King, but as a human being on earth.
- Epiphany is the festival when Christians remember the visit of the Wise Men to Baby Jesus in Bethlehem
- John the Baptist prepared people for Jesus' birth - this is remembered and celebrated today through the Christian Christmas preparations known as Advent.
- Christians believe and use the prophecies given in the Bible as a guide for their lives.
- Christians all believe that the Christmas story is significant. However, some Christians view the story in a metaphorical way while others believe the story is literally true.

Key vocabulary

Advent	A time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the <i>Second Coming</i> .
Prophet	A Prophet is a messenger from God.
Prophecy	A prediction of what will happen in the future.
Messenger	A person who carries a message to another.
Foretell	Another term for predict.
Expectation	A strong belief that something will happen or be the case.
Hope	a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen.
Incarnation	a person who embodies in the flesh a deity, spirit, or quality.
Epiphany	moment of sudden and great revelation or realization.
Magi	Priest

