



The Gift of Christmas Activities

These activities are designed to help you engage children with Christmas traditions through using The Gift of Christmas book. You might want to use them in conjunction with The Gift of Christmas All Age Talk/School resource.

Card Sort

Can we produce cards with the main images on – Christingle, Nativities, Cards, Decorations, Food, Advent Calendars, Gifts, Charity, Candlelight Services, Midnight Mass Text 'What's the connection?'

Activity

On your own, in a pair or a group, sort the Christmas traditions into a top 10 and give reasons for your answer.

If you could only pick one tradition to remember and celebrate Christmas which would it be and why?

Which tradition do you think is the best way of remembering the birth of Jesus and why?

Design a Tradition

Having found out about Christmas traditions, and how many of them point back to the birth of Jesus, can you design a new Christmas tradition.

It should be something that:

Helps people remember the birth of Jesus.

Doesn't cost a lot of money.

Would be easy for lots of people to join in with and understand.

Christmas Traditions Quiz

Needs images of the traditions on the sheet as prompts/decoration.

Using the book to help you find the tradition that matches the questions below: Will need questions and then answers separately





Christmas Tradition Quiz

- 1. A tradition that is linked to the Jewish festival of Passover. (Midnight Mass)
- 2. A tradition that came to us from Germany in the 1700's. (Christingle)
- 3. A tradition that Puritans tried to ban. (Special Christmas Food)
- 4. A tradition that goes back to Medieval almsgiving. (Charity)
- 5. A tradition that started with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Gifts)
- 6. A tradition that now involves lots of tea-towels! (Nativity Plays)
- 7. A tradition that helps us in the waiting. (Advent Calendars)
- 8. A tradition that reminds people that Jesus the light. (Candles)
- 9. A catchy way of remembering the Christmas story. (Carols)
- 10.A tradition of everyone being welcome to come together to celebrate Jesus' birth. (Christmas Day)