

Christmas: belief and symbol

Explain how a Christmas symbol links to Christian belief.



Think, point, speak, draw or write.
You may pass or ask for a quiet start.

Read the source

CLASSROOM FACT CARDS — paraphrases of Church of England teaching and worship.

- 01 C1. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.
- 02 C2. Church of England teaching describes Jesus' birth as a gift from God.
- 03 C3. In Church of England Christmas worship, a candle may accompany the description of Jesus as the light of the world.
- 04 C4. A candle is the visible object. Its Christian meaning comes from the words and belief, not from wax alone.

Watch the reasoning

- 01 C1 gives the belief being remembered: Jesus' birth.
- 02 C3 links a visible candle with a Christian description of Jesus.

Point to the detail that supports the answer.

Make a decision

Which statement best separates object from meaning?

- 01 A. Wax itself tells the whole belief.
- 02 B. A candle may express belief about Jesus; the source explains this.
- 03 C. Everyone who sees a candle is Christian.

Choose first. Give a reason before checking.

Check the deciding clue

B C3–C4 link the symbol to a source without assigning a belief to everyone.

Keep your first choice. If you change it, say what changed your mind.

Your independent evidence

- 01 Match birth / gift / light to C1, C2 or C3.
- 02 Write two linked sentences: what is celebrated, and what the candle can represent.
- 03 Explain why a shop-window candle alone cannot establish somebody's belief.

Make one useful improvement

**Check your answer against the source.
Show the detail you used.**

Add evidence, improve a link, or mark a claim you cannot support.

Keep the first attempt visible. Record one change or one question.

What will you take forward?

Name a Christmas belief and the line that supports it.

One thing I can explain: _____

One next step or question: _____