

Year 3



Religious Education

Christmas around the world

Previous Learning - You probably already:

- ~ know how to show an interest in the lives of people you are familiar with.
- ~ know how to talk about some of the similarities and differences between yourselves, friends and family and also talk about some of the things that make you unique.
- ~ enjoy joining in with family customs and routines.

Key Vocabulary

Country	A country is land governed by a single government. Countries are also called na-
Continent	A continent is a large solid area of land. It is usually made up of a number of different countries
Christianity	The religion based on the life and teach-
Christian	A believer in Christianity.
Christmas	The time when Christians celebrate the birth
Jesus	The founder of Christianity also know as

Christmas - Christians remember the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas time each year. It is celebrated in lots of different ways around the world. Here are some different traditions from countries around the world.

Germany (Europe) Germany is famous for its Christmas markets where people buy handmade toys, ornaments and Christmas trees. The tradition of Christmas trees began in Germany and there are many different stories about where the first Christmas tree came from.

Key facts: Christmas traditions in France

- Father Christmas is called Pere Noel.
- Children in France write letters to Pere Noel and receive a postcard from him on Christmas Eve in response.
- Most homes in France feature a nativity scene or 'crèche' made from santons of the key people in the Nativity Story, such as Mary, Joseph and Jesus.
- Santons are clay figures that are made by craftspeople throughout the year and sold at markets.
- Le Reveillon de Noel is the French Christmas meal that is traditionally eaten at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Do you have any special traditions that you do with your family?