

The teacher or one of the students comments on the PowerPoint 'The Meaning of Christmas'.

This story is accompanied by our 21 slide PowerPoint 'The Meaning of Christmas'.

**Slide 1:**

The story of Christmas

**Slide 2:**

**No comment.**

**Slide 3:**

A long time ago, in a town called Nazareth, there lived a young woman called Mary.

One day she was visited by an Angel called Gabriel.

Gabriel told Mary that she was going to have a very special baby.

Gabriel also said that God wanted her to call the baby 'Jesus'.

**Slide 4:**

Mary was engaged to a carpenter called Joseph.

Mary told Joseph what Gabriel had told her.

Joseph and Mary got married and prepared for the arrival of the special baby.

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When it was time for the baby to arrive, Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem.

It was a long journey, so Mary rode on a donkey.

Joseph was from Bethlehem and they needed to go there to pay taxes.

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Bethlehem was very busy and Joseph and Mary could not find a place to stay.

Eventually an innkeeper found them a place to rest in his stable.

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It was in this stable that Jesus was born.

**Slide 8:**

At the same time some shepherds were sitting on a hillside watching their sheep. An angel appeared in the sky. She told them not to be afraid. The angel told them that the Son of God had been born in Bethlehem.

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The shepherds walked to Bethlehem to see this special baby.

**Slide 10:**

Far away in the East, three wise men saw a very bright star. They knew, it meant that a new King had been born and followed the star to find him.

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The three wise men thought the baby would be in King Herod's palace, so they went there first.

Herod was curious about this new king and asked the three wise men to let them know where he was.

**Slide 12:**

The three wise men presented Baby Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

That night in their dreams, an angel warned them not to tell King Herod where Jesus was.

When they awoke, they left for home and never returned to Herod's palace.

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Soon afterwards, Joseph also had a dream. An angel told him to take Mary and the baby away to Egypt as Herod wanted to kill Baby Jesus.

In his search for the Baby Jesus, King Herod ordered that all baby boys in Bethlehem should be killed.

**Slide 14:**

About 30 years later, Jesus Christ taught the people around Him many good things.

He was an example for everybody. Also He cured several people who suffered from incurable diseases.

His followers believe that He is truly the Son of God.

**Slide 15:**

After his death on the cross, his followers founded the Christian Religion. Christianity nowadays, together with Buddhism, Islam, and Hinduism forms the religious/ spiritual mainstream in the world.

**Slide 16:**

On Christmas day, December the 25<sup>th</sup>, Christians all over the world celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ 20\_\_ years ago.

Many people who are not Christians also celebrate Christmas because they like the Christmas atmosphere, decorations, and the happiness of Christmas. Christmas time is a time of joy and happiness in and outside the house.

**Slide 17, 18 and 19: No comment**

**Slide 20:** And then there is of course Santa Claus who brings joy and presents.

**Slide 21:** Thank you for listening and Merry Christmas to all of you!