



Merry Christmas





*May this Christmas
fill your homes with
the peace and joy of Christ.*

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What do we celebrate?

Every year in December in Britain people celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. That is why we call this time of year “Christmas” - we celebrate the “Mass” (the birth). Christmas is a wonderful time, bringing families and friends together. Most people are on holiday in Britain and stay at home with their family on Christmas day



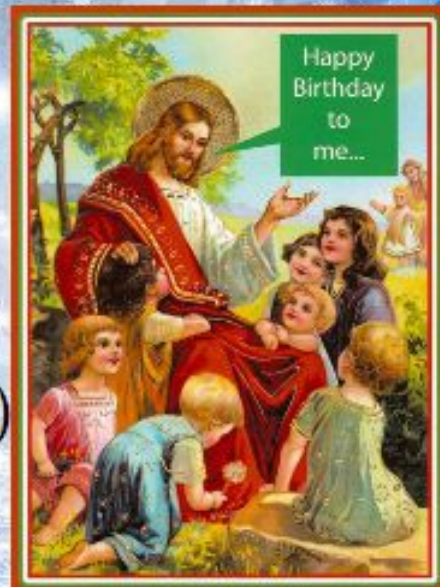


The Christmas story comes from the Bible. An Angel appeared to shepherds and told them that a Savior had been born to Mary and Joseph in a stable in Bethlehem. The Wise Men (the Magi) followed a star until it led them to Jesus. The Wise Men gave Jesus many gifts. So it is a tradition to give presents on Christmas Day. Another tradition is to put a star on the top of Christmas Tree.



Questions:

- Can you tell me who was Jesus' mother? (Mary)
- Who was his father? (Joseph)
- What city was he born in? (Bethlehem)
- Where was he born? (In the stable)
- What do people usually do on Christmas?
(They buy presents, decorate the trees, make holiday dinner, sing Christmas songs, go to church, play games)



Nowadays people start preparing for the holiday in the beginning of December. People buy lots of presents and send cards to their friends and relatives. It is mostly a family holiday. Englishmen decorate their houses with green leaves, red paper decorations, Christmas Trees and colourful electric lights and glass balls.

Red and green are the traditional colours of Christmas. Green represents the continuance of life through the winter. Red symbolizes the blood of Jesus at his

Crusifixion.

**Merry
Christmas!**



decorate ['dekəreit]



Put gifts



crackers ['krækə]



toys





Celebrate ['seləbreit]

holiday ['holədeɪ]

invite [in'vait]



send [send] **friends**

greeting cards

['gri:tiŋ ,ka:dz]

buy [bai]

gifts





have
a party [ˈpa:ti]

make
a huge
cake [hju:dʒ]



wear **fancy** **costum**

[weə] [ˌfænsi ˈkɒstju:mz]





Santa Claus

['sæntə klɔːz]



a fireplace

['faɪəpleɪs]

A. Say these chants!

Then match the chants and pictures



Santa's sleigh, Santa's sleigh,
Santa's sleigh, Santa's sleigh!



Three Christmas trees
Three Christmas trees



Ding dong bells,
Ding dong bells!



Stars, stars,
Far-away stars.



Crack the crackers, Christmas
crackers!



Plum pudding, plum pudding, plum
pudding!

Dates



Advent – four Sundays before Christmas.

One of the popular traditions is the Advent Candle. An Advent candle often has 25 marks on it, a bit of the candle is burned down by one mark each day. In some homes, 24 candles are kept, one for each night from December 1 through Christmas eve.



24 December – Christmas Eve

Night time on Christmas Eve though is a very exciting time for young children. It is the time when Santa or Father Christmas comes. They hang up their stockings and go to sleep.



25 December – Christmas Day

26 December – Boxing Day

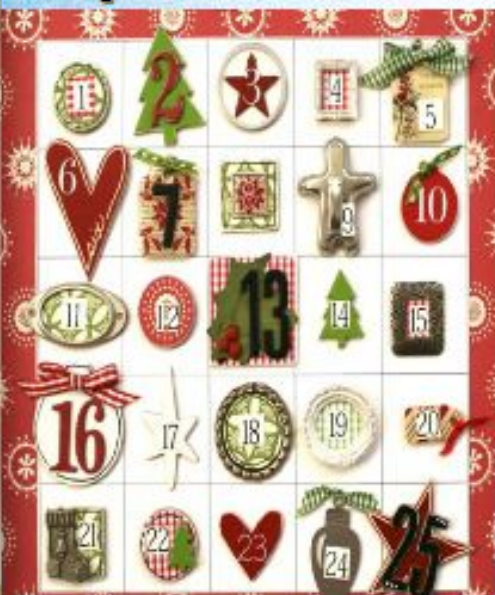
It is traditionally a time to give gifts to tradesmen, servants and friends.

31 December – New Year's Eve



Адвент

- это предрождественский пост, начинающийся за 4 недели до Рождества. Первые декорации, которые появляются в доме — адвент-календари. Адвент- это также время подготовки к Рождеству. Время рождественских базаров, покупки подарков, красных колпаков, украшения дома и конечно время имбирных



Weihnachts-Kalender



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According to the legend, King Arthur started it in the city of York in 571.

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There are a lot of Christmas' symbols.



