



## Christmas Symbols

What are you most excited about for Christmas? What symbols do you begin to see around Christmas time? Trees? Lights? Decorations? Let's find out what the traditional symbols of Christmas are.

### Wreaths

The Christmas wreath represents the "circle of life". It has no beginning and no end; it is often made from evergreens to symbolise everlasting life. Holly is often used to represent the crown of thorns worn by Jesus as he died on the cross. Red berries are common on wreaths.



### Stars

The story of the first Christmas tells us how a star led the Three Wise Men to the birth of baby Jesus. This star was known as the Star of Bethlehem. Today people remember this journey by placing a star decoration at the top of their Christmas tree.

### Angels

Just like the star, the angel is another Christmas symbol often found at the top of a decorated Christmas tree. The angel is a popular Christmas symbol. Angel Gabriel was sent by God to tell Mary that she was having a very special baby, and this baby would be the Son of God. An angel also came to Joseph in a dream to tell him he had been chosen to be Jesus' father.





1. What are three of the traditional Christmas symbols?

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2. What is the Christmas wreath often made from?

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3. How do people decorate the top of their Christmas tree? How do you decorate yours?

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4. Who did the angel visit in a dream? Why?

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5. How do you recognise it is Christmas time?

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6. Do you celebrate Christmas in your house? How? Write a few things that you do at Christmas.

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