



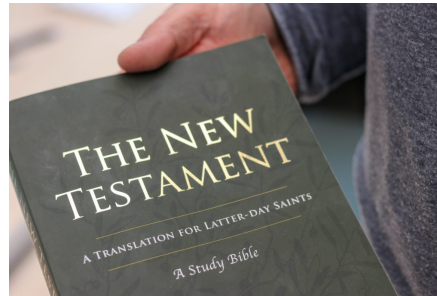
How is the nativity story interpreted?

Key Knowledge and Concepts

Word	Definition
interpretation	Explanation of what something means
gospel	Four books that record Jesus' life and teaching
evangelist	A person who wants to convert others to Christianity
Matthew and Luke	Jesus' disciples who wrote the Gospels
nativity	The story of the birth of Jesus
Christingle	A symbol of Jesus and the gospel
advent	The time leading up to Christmas
wreath	A symbol of everlasting life
incarnation	Christian belief that God took human form as Jesus



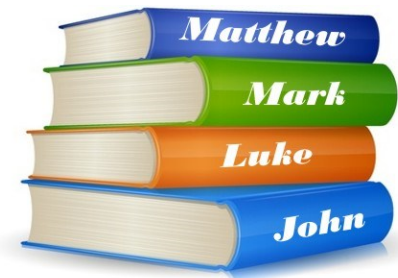
When we reach our own understanding of something, this is called interpretation; People can interpret things differently.



A Gospel is a biblical narrative covering the life and death of Jesus Christ – it means 'good news' and there are 4 gospels in the New Testament.

An evangelist seeks to convert others to the Christian faith.

The 4 gospels are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.



Matthew's Gospel has the story of the Wise Men and the Star. It focuses on Herod the King being jealous and angry of the birth of a new king.

Luke's Gospel focuses on the poor and vulnerable: e.g. the shepherds and angels. Luke's account focuses on the journey to Bethlehem for the Census.

For Christians, Advent is the time of waiting for Christmas, the coming of Jesus to Earth just over 2000 years ago

Purple at Advent reminds Anglican Christians of prayer, reflection and preparation.

The use of evergreens in a wreath symbolises eternal life.

Each part of the Christingle symbolises Jesus and the gospel: orange/world, red/blood, candle/hope, sweets/God's creations.

