



Core Knowledge - Must know

Christian Festivals**Christmas**

Celebrating the birth of Jesus who Christians believe was the son of God.

Easter

Easter is a Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection is the belief that Jesus came back to life after he died on the cross.

Harvest

Christians thank God for all the good things he provides (including food).

Pentecost

Christians celebrate the gift of the holy spirit.

Most Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr as the completion of a month of fasting (Ramadan). Eid is a time to thank Allah for all the blessings he has given to everyone

Many Jews celebrate Shabbat and remember the story of creation.

Good to know

Christmas

Mary and Joseph were told they will have a baby by the angel Gabriel. The baby Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem and was visited by the shepherds and wise men.

Easter

Key days during Holy Week:

Palm Sunday - Jesus arrives on a donkey

Maundy Thursday - Jesus washes his friends' feet

Good Friday - Jesus crucified on the cross

Easter Sunday - Jesus came back to life

Pentecost

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter and is when Christians remember the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - which is how Christians understand God, and is the means by which God is active on Earth.

Some Jewish people celebrate Pesach (Passover) which is an eight-day festival representing rebirth and new beginnings, Chanukah which celebrates the ancient miracle of the oil burning a candle for eight nights and Sukkot which is a time to give thanks.

Vocabulary

Holy spirit - God is present today through the work of the Holy Spirit. <https://request.org.uk/resource/life/beliefs/christianity-basically-the-holy-spirit/>

Allah - a term for God by Muslims.