

There are less than 3 full weeks before Christmas!

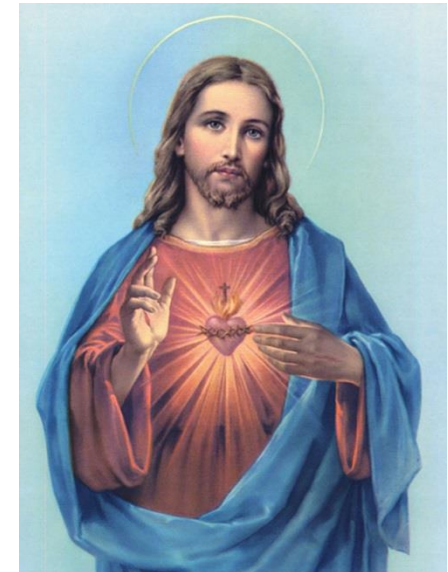
But lets take a quick look at the real story behind Christmas: it is easy to forget the true message behind the glittery adverts and promise of I-Pads!

Christians believe that Christmas is the day Jesus was born. The real importance is not this but the things Jesus went on to do. He lived amongst the Romans who often were cruel and violent and did not easily forgive. Jesus taught people to be kind to each other (this was a RARE thing in those times), to help others out and to forgive.



Questions:

- What do Christians believe is the true meaning of Christmas?
- Why might some people think it is just about presents?
- Does everyone believe in the Christmas story?
- Are there other religions which teach charity and forgiveness? Which? How?





Happening in Coventry.

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Charity in action!

Santa Claus will be travelling around Coventry (as part of the Rotary Club) to begin fundraising. It's the 11th year that Rotarians have braved the freezing weather to transport Father Christmas and his helpers around the city, in a bid to bring smiles to children's faces and raise money for local charities.

After a record breaking effort last year which saw £23,000 raised, the Rotary clubs and their business supporters will be taking their new look sleigh out for a second year in the hope of raising even more money.



Questions:

- Why do the Rotary Club want to raise money?
- How have they interpreted the meaning of Christmas?