



Year 4 – Autumn A

Christianity – God:

How and why might Christians use the Bible?



Prior Knowledge:

Christian beliefs and values contained within stories of the prophets (eg. Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jonah)

Why these prophets chose to listen to and follow God

Identify Christians who might be described as people who listened to and followed God

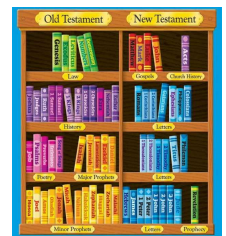
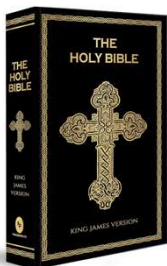
How and why some Christians might devote their lives to serving God

What is meant by a sense of vocation

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It is made up of 66 books in two sections. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the new.



The Bible

The Bible is a source of guidance which shows Christians how they should live their life.

Some churches run weekly bible studies where people can get together to read a bible passage and discuss as a group

Some Christians take part in daily Bible study.

During a religious service, Christians hear a reading from the Bible where the teachings within are shared.

How should we live our lives?



Year 4 – Autumn B



Hindu Dharma:

What might a Hindu learn through celebrating Diwali?



Prior Knowledge:

Develop an understanding of the importance of duty and commitment to many religions
Know that following dharma (religious duty) is an important part of Hindu life
Suggest the impact of belief in dharma, particularly the belief that there are three 'debts' – duty owed to God/the deities, duty owed to teachers, and duty owed to family
How and why Hindus might celebrate Raksha Bandhan
Identify aspects of the celebration which remind Hindus of their dharma

Hindus believe in one God called Brahman which is made up of 3 parts:

- Brahma, who creates the universe
- Vishnu, who preserves the universe
- Shiva, who destroys the universe



Vishnu protects the world from evil. When the world is threatened, he comes down in the form of an animal or human to fight the wickedness.

Diwali

Diwali is a five day celebration which occurs in Autumn. It is known as the festival of lights. It is celebrated by millions of people across the world each year. Light is important within Diwali celebrations as a reminder that good always overcomes evil. Small oil lamps called Diyas are used for decoration to remind people of the importance of light.



Rama and Sita

The story of Rama and Sita reminds Hindus that good always triumphs over evil. In the story, Rama, Sita and Hanuman represent goodness and light. Ravana represents darkness and evil.

How should we live our lives?



Year 4 – Spring A

Sikhism:

How do Sikhs express the beliefs and values?



Prior Knowledge:

Develop an understanding of the importance of founders and leaders for religious communities

Identify Sikh beliefs and values contained within the stories of the lives of the Gurus

How and why the Guru Granth Sahib is treated with great respect

How and why Sikhs might show commitment to their faith

Sikhism is over 500 years old and started in the Punjab region of India.



Sikhism was founded by Guru Nanak. He made a 30 year journey across India debating with other people and the result was this new route to spiritual fulfilment and way of life.



The Khanda – a double edged sword. Represents the belief in one god.

The Chakkar – a circle representing God without a beginning or end.

Two crossed Kirpans – represents spiritual authority and political power.



Langar

It is a free food kitchen. It is a community act of service or 'seva' for Sikhs. Langar is used as an opportunity to feed the poor, needy and homeless.

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Year 4 – Spring B

Christianity – Jesus@

Is sacrifice an important part of religious life?



Prior Knowledge:

What is meant by discipleship

Who became disciples of Jesus –and suggest why these people decided to follow Jesus

Identify beliefs and values within religious teachings (eg. 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men' – Matthew 4:19)

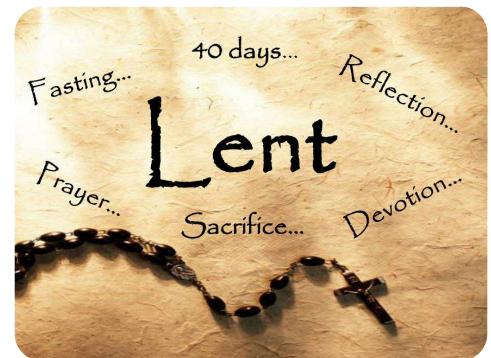
How and why Christians might try to follow the example of Jesus through mission and charity work

The work of one Christian organisation that aims to help people, and how this work is an expression of their Christian beliefs

Christian Sacrifice

Christian love is also known as Agape. It is a sacrificial love.

Christians are expected to make sacrifices for the ones they love.



LENT

- Lent is the name given to the time before Easter.
- It lasts for 40 days and 40 nights.
- It is the same amount of time Jesus spent in the wilderness.
- Christians use this time to live more like Jesus.
- They commonly give up something to test their own self-discipline.
- They want to find out if they can resist temptation like Jesus did.



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Year 4 – Summer A

Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?



Prior Knowledge:

Develop and understanding of the importance of founders and leaders for religious communities

Identify Islamic beliefs and values contained within the story of the life of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

Describe and give reasons for the Islamic practice of Zakah

Why charity might be important to a Muslim – and the different ways that a Muslim might try to be charitable

The Six Main Beliefs

1. Belief in Allah as the one and only God.
2. Belief in angels.
3. Belief in the holy books.
4. Belief in the prophets and that Muhammad was the final prophet.
5. Belief in the Day of Judgement (the day when Allah decides if a person goes to heaven or hell).
6. Belief in predestination (the belief that Allah has already planned out what will happen).

The Five Pillars of Islam

Shahadah – declaration of faith

Sala – pray 5 times per day

Zakat – donate to charity

Sawm – fasting for one month (Ramadan)

Hajj – pilgrimage to Mecca

Place of worship

The Muslim place of worship is called a mosque. Services are held in mosques every day. The most important service for Muslims is on a Friday. Mosques often have a domed roof. There are no images of people or animals in mosques. They are decorated with patterns and words from the Qur'an. Muslims take off their shoes before going into the mosque and wash before they pray. Muslims pray kneeling on the floor on a prayer mat. The wall of the mosque which faces Mecca is called the qibla wall. It has an empty arch to show the direction of Mecca.



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Year 4 – Summer B

Christianity – Church:

What does 'love your Neighbour' really mean?



Prior Knowledge:

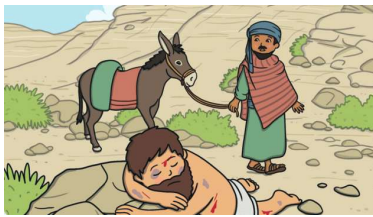
What Christians mean by the Holy Spirit

How belief in the Holy Spirit as God's presence in the world might have an impact on individuals and communities

Christian values exemplified in the gifts of the Spirit

How beliefs about the Holy Spirit might influence forms of worship in a range of Christian denominations

How and why Pentecost is celebrated



The Good Samaritan

Jesus used the Parable of the Good Samaritan as an example of loving those who may not be our friends. Jesus was asked to confirm what he meant by the word 'neighbour'. This is when he told the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), to explain that people should love everyone, including their enemies.

What is a parable?
A short story that teaches a lesson

The Unforgiving Servant

In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, the king forgave his servant and did not make him pay back a huge debt. Then the servant found out that another servant owed him a little money. Did he forgive the servant that owed him a small debt?

The 'neighbour' that Christians support is not always someone known or nearby. There are many Christian charities that work to support people both in this country and around the world who need help



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

CAFOD
Just one world

Christians can show their love of others by raising money and donating it to one of these charities.

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