



Learning Journey Map

Year: 3

Subject: R.E

Term: Autumn 2

Topic: Christianity

Driving Question: See Forces
Power Skill: Communication

BCP SACRE Learning Objectives

- Belief - How do some Christians explain God as father, son and holy spirit, and why do not all Christians agree with this?
- Expression - Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help all Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born? Find out how Christians around the world celebrate Christmas and ask yourself which celebration shows clearly what those Christians believe about Jesus. Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians? How do different Christians celebrate their relationship with God?

Key Vocabulary

Christianity

God

Jesus

Holy Spirit

Bible

Church

Trinity

Ten Commandments

Prayer

Christmas

Easter

Key Learning

What is a belief?

A belief is trust, faith or confidence in something or someone or an acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof.

Thinking Point

What is the difference between a belief and a fact? Is one more difficult to understand than the other and why?



What is a worldview?

A world view is the way in which someone views the world and what shapes their thoughts and behaviours. Religions are world views and these can affect how people choose to live their life. Alternatively, some people choose to have a purely non-religious view but other things may influence the way in which they live their lives.

Thinking Point

What are your world views? What has influenced them? Have they changed over time? What skills can we use to help us to understand other people's world views? How many different worldviews do you know?



ACTIVITY: What is my worldview? Give children the opportunity to record this and what they think has influenced their view. How does it affect their life?

What is Christianity?

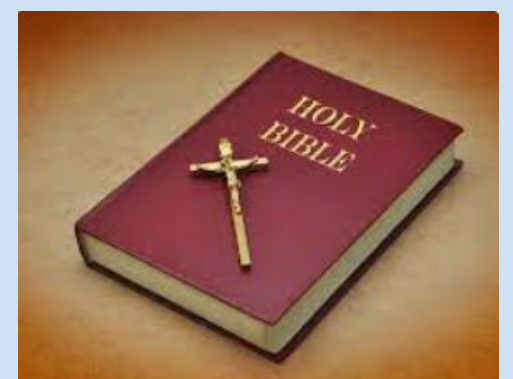
Christianity is a world-wide view or religion that believes in one God who created the world.

Christianity refers to the large group of religions who believe that the son of God was born a man - Jesus of Nazareth - over 2000 years ago. Christians believe Jesus was also Christ (or God), hence the name Christianity. There are three main branches of Christianity - Protestant, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox.

The United Kingdom, as with many other Western countries, is officially a Christian nation, and its state religion is a Protestant denomination called the Church of England.

Christianity facts:

- Deity: God
- Holy book: The Bible (Old Testament and New Testament)
- Place of worship: Church
- Important symbols: star, cross
- Approximate worldwide followers: 2.3 billion people, or 31.2% of the world population
- Denominations (examples of): Roman Catholics, Church of England, Baptists, Adventist, Evangelical
- Countries that are predominantly Christian (examples of): Britain, America, Australia, Mexico, Italy, Russia, Philippines



Thinking Point

What is Christianity? What makes somebody a Christian? How may their belief in Christianity affect their life?



Resources:

Bibles

Key Learning

Main Beliefs: Creator, The Trinity, Jesus and The Ten Commandments

Creator

Christians believe that God is the one creator who continues to create. They believe God created the world in six days, resting on the seventh day. Christians believe it is important to have rest time (Sunday) because God rested on the seventh day. Christians believe in the creation story:

*Genesis 1-2:4 and 2:15-25

Day 1: God created light and dark

Day 2: God created the sky and water

Day 3: God created land, trees and plants

Day 4: God created the Sun, moon and stars

Day 5: God created living creatures for the sky and sea

Day 6: God created animals and humans

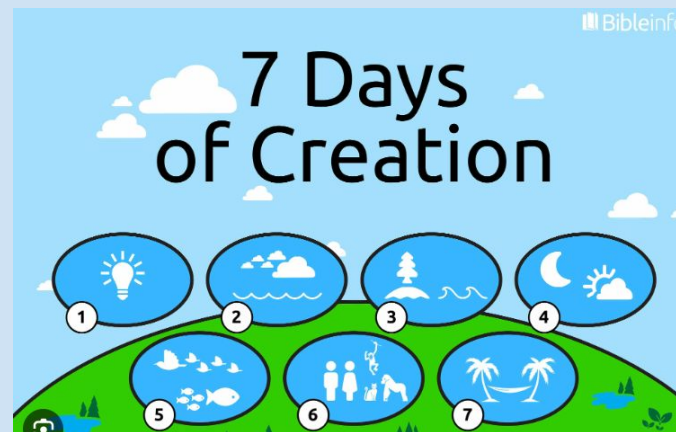
Day 7: God rested

*Genesis 3

On the sixth day, God created the first humans named Adam and Eve. He made a garden for them to live in called the Garden of Eden. God told them they could eat all the fruit from the garden except the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Eve saw how beautiful this tree was and how the fruit looked very good to eat. A serpent lied to Eve and she ate the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge. She gave some to Adam and he ate the fruit as well. Adam and Eve had to leave their home because they had been disobedient. After that, they had to work hard and had many troubles.

Christians refer to this as 'The Fall' and believe they need to reclaim the loving relationship with God he wants them to have.

It is important to consider and compare other world views of creation: The Big Bang Theory, Evolution Theory, beliefs of other religions.



Thinking Point

Can you recall the Christian creation story? Why is it significant to Christians that Adam and Eve disobeyed God? How does the Christian creation story compare to other world views of creation? What is your world view on how the world was made and what is your evidence?



The Trinity

Christians believe in one God however, they believe that God is 3 separate but constant persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christians believe God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit quite separately but at the same time. This is called The Trinity. To think of it in a simplified way: Katie in Year 6 is a daughter. She is also a sister and she is also a cousin. When Katie is a daughter, she does not stop being a sister or a cousin. She is all three of these 'persons' at the same time but is still just one person.

* The Nicene Creed and Matthew 3:16-17



Jesus

Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God, who was sent to live on Earth to forgive Christians of their sins. Christians believe that God sent Jesus to live as a human being in order to save humanity from the consequences of its sins - the bad things humanity had chosen to do which had separated them from God. Christians believe that through the death and resurrection of Jesus this broken relationship with God is restored.

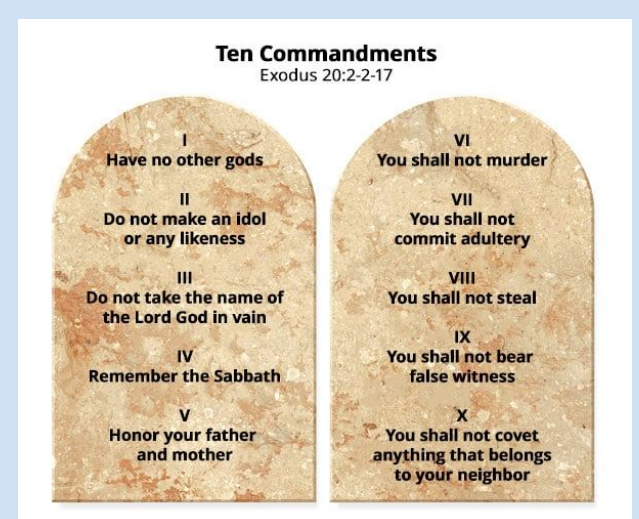
Who was Jesus?
Christians believe Jesus was fully human.
Why is this important to Christians?
Jesus being fully human meant he lived a life being vulnerable as other humans do and felt pain in the same way as other humans.
Jesus was crucified and died on the cross. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day.
As Jesus was fully human, his torture before his death would have caused him pain. This is significant for Christians because Jesus' suffering is what they believe frees them from sin - he took the burden of their sin.
Which Christian festival celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus?

The Ten Commandments

God gave His people the Ten Commandments in a section of the Bible called the Old Testament. At that time, a group of people led by the prophet Moses had just escaped slavery. When Moses prayed to God for help, God gave him the Ten Commandments, which Christians still follow today.

Thinking Point

Why are the 10 commandments important to Christians? How do they use them to influence their life? Are these 'rules for life' any different to how people who are non-religious or followers of different religions/worldviews live their lives? Do any of the commandments surprise you? Why does some of the language in the Ten Commandments need explaining?



Key Learning

How do Christians show their commitment to God?

Alongside their strong beliefs, Christians have many ways of showing their commitment to their God. These include prayer, attending church, following God's teachings (the 10 commandments) and celebrating festivals.

*It is important to note that different Christian denominations will show their commitment to God in different ways.

Attending Church

Most Christians believe a way they can show their commitment to God is to regularly attend church. For most Christians, this happens on a Sunday although they can attend on other days of the week.

They attend a service called a 'mass', where prayers are said and often hymns are sung.

Prayer

Christians believe that praying is a way of speaking with God. People can pray to give thanks, ask for help or to ask for forgiveness. Christians pray together, on their own in church or at home. Some people like to focus on a cross or candle to help them think about God.

The Lord's Prayer is a particularly important prayer for Christians:

Thinking Point

What is prayer? Why is it important to Christians? What is the purpose of prayer for Christians? Are there any prayers that are important to Christians and what do they mean? How and where can Christians pray?



Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On Earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, The
power, and the glory, For ever and
ever.
Amen.

Following God's teachings

Christians believe that following God's teachings from the Bible will help them to lead a good life and reach heaven. Alongside following the 10 commandments, other values which are important to Christians are:

- Love, Respect, Wisdom, Compassion, Courage, Generosity, Gratitude, Peace and Creativity.

Thinking Point

How could a Christian use these values to influence the way they live their life? Do any of the values surprise you? Can you find any parables or stories in the Bible which demonstrate these values? e.g. The Good Samaritan



Celebrating Festivals

There are many Christian festivals celebrated throughout the year but the most well-known are perhaps Christmas and Easter.

Christmas

Christmas is a very special time of year for Christians because it remembers the time when Jesus was born. At this time of year, many Christians visit church to sing carols and give thanks for the baby Jesus. People also give and receive gifts to remind them of the gift of the baby Jesus. Families and friends get together to celebrate Christmas Day which is on the 25th December every year. Christians show their commitment to God by celebrating Christmas each year and reminding themselves of the great miracle act of God in sending Jesus to Earth.



Easter

Easter is the most important time of year for Christians because it remembers and celebrates when Jesus came back to life three days after he died on the cross. The week before Easter is called Holy Week. Many Christians celebrate Easter by visiting church and giving, receiving and eating Easter eggs, which signify new life. Christians show their commitment to God by celebrating Easter each and every year and reminding themselves of the sacrifice Jesus made and the miracle of him rising from the dead 3 days later.

Thinking Point

How do the festivals of Christmas and Easter help Christians show their commitment to God? Can you celebrate Christmas and Easter if you are not a Christian?

