

Religious Education

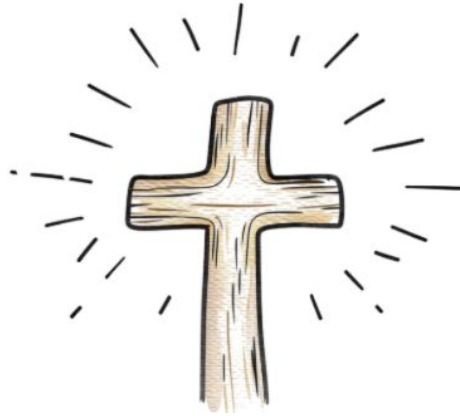
Year 1 Autumn 1

Christianity

Why do Christians call God creator?

Vocabulary

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Make	Create	Creation
Share	Creator	Provide
Thank	Donate	Worship
Care	Image	Harvest
Eden	Sacred	Sukkot



Our Key Questions

What makes a book special?

What did God give in creation?

How does God continue to give?

How can Christians share God's creation?

How does Harvest time help people to be thankful?

What are you thankful for?

How do you think the Creation account makes Christians feel about the world?

At the beginning of Genesis, God creates the world in six days and rests on the seventh. The account describes God bringing light, sky, land, plants, stars, animals, and finally humans into existence, with humans created “in the image of God” and given responsibility to care for the Earth.

A second creation account in Genesis 2 focuses more closely on the creation of Adam and Eve and humanity's relationship with God and the world. These creation stories are important in Christianity and Judaism, and similar ideas also appear in Islam, where the Qur'an teaches that Allah created the universe and humanity with purpose and authority over the Earth.

Eve is an important figure in the Bible's creation story found in the book of Genesis. God created Eve from one of Adam's ribs so that Adam would not be alone in the Garden of Eden. Eve ate fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil after being tempted by a serpent, and then shared it with Adam. Eve is often remembered as the first woman in the Bible and part of the story that explains humanity's relationship with God and the world.



Eve

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Year 1 Autumn 2

What is Nativity and why is it important to Christians?

Vocabulary

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Baby	Nativity	Messiah
Star	Wise Men	Census
Angel	Bethlehem	Divine
Manger	Shepherd	Prophecy
Gift	Journey	Revelation

The Nativity story describes the birth of Jesus, which Christians believe was the arrival of the Son of God on Earth. It is told mainly in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke in the New Testament. According to the Bible, the angel Gabriel told Mary that she would give birth to Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit, and she and Joseph later travelled to Bethlehem because of a Roman census. In Matthew's account, wise men (Magi) followed a special star to find Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, recognising him as a king. For Christians, the Nativity is important because it shows the belief in the Incarnation, that God came into the world as a human being to bring hope and salvation.



Our Key Questions

Who's in your family? How are you like each other?

How is our school like a family?

Who is Baby Jesus? Who is in his family?

What is the 'Nativity'?

Why did angels announce the birth of Jesus?

Why is the Nativity story so important to Christians?

Is Christmas the same around the world?

What about the Nativity?

Who are the important people in the Nativity story to me?

The Three Wise Men, also called the Magi, appear in the Nativity story in the Gospel of Matthew. They were learned travellers from the East who followed a bright star because they believed it would lead them to a special king. When they found baby Jesus, they brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Gold – a gift for a king, showing Jesus' royal status.
- Frankincense – a type of incense used in worship, showing Jesus' connection to God.
- Myrrh – a perfume used in burials, which Christians later linked to Jesus' suffering and death.



Three Wise Men (Magi)

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Year 1 Spring 1

Judaism

What is the Torah and why is it so important to Jewish families?

Vocabulary

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Book	Jewish	Judaism
G_d	Torah	Hebrew
Prayer	Synagogue	Shabbat
Law	Kippot	Commandment
Moses	Tallit	Simchat Torah



Our Key Questions

What are our special books and why?

What makes the Torah Special?

What inside the Torah makes it special?

Where does the Torah live and how does this show us it is important?

What makes the Torah important to Jewish People?

How can we show others that the Torah is important?

The Torah

The Torah, or 'Law' contains the 'Pentateuch', the five books of Moses – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. The Torah is a synagogue's most precious possession and is regarded as the living Word of God. There are 613 rules in the Torah to help Jewish families live good lives.

Saved from the Nile River as a baby and raised as an Egyptian prince. Moses then became God's chosen leader of the Israelites. He was known for miracles like the parting of the Red Sea. Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, teaching God's laws



Moses

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Year 1 Spring 2

Christianity

What do Christians learn from stories of Jesus?

Vocabulary

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Jesus	Baptism	Divine
God	Miracle	Incarnation
Son	Power	Authority
Voice	Forgive	Salvation
Light	Heaven	Eternal

Moments in the Bible where Jesus uses his divine providence:

Matthew 17:1–5: Jesus' appearance changes and God again speaks from heaven, revealing his divine glory.

Mark 2:5–7: Jesus forgives sins, something only God was believed to have the power to do.

Mark 4:39–41: Jesus controls nature itself, showing authority beyond human power.

Matthew 14:25–33: Jesus walks on the sea, and the disciples worship him as the Son of God.

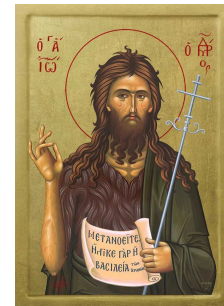
Matthew 28: Jesus rises from the dead, which Christians believe proves his divine nature.



Our Key Questions

*What has happened in your life so far?
What human experiences do we share?
What happened in Jesus' lifetime?
What do Christians learn from stories told by Jesus?
What made Jesus 'ordinary' and 'extraordinary'?
What's extraordinary about Easter?
What do Christians learn from the stories of Jesus? How is Jesus human and divine?*

John the Baptist was a holy teacher who prepared people for the arrival of Jesus. He baptised people in the River Jordan and taught them to turn away from wrongdoing and live in a better way. John is very important in Christianity because he was chosen to announce Jesus as the Son of God. When he baptised Jesus, John saw signs from heaven that showed Jesus was sent by God. Christians believe John helped people recognise who Jesus really was, making him a key figure in the story of Christianity.



John the Baptist

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Year 1 Summer 1

Judaism

Why do Jewish families celebrate the gift of Shabbat?

Vocabulary

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Rest	Tradition	Mitzvah
Friday	Synagogue	Covenant
Saturday	Challah	Torah
Prayer	Sabbath	Sacred
Blessing	Worship	Commandment

Shabbat is the Jewish day of rest and worship, observed every week from sunset on Friday until nightfall on Saturday. It is based on the creation story in Genesis, where God creates the world in six days and rests on the seventh day, and it is also commanded in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:8–11). During Shabbat, Jewish families stop ordinary work and focus on rest, prayer, family time, and spiritual reflection.

The celebration usually begins at home with the lighting of two candles, blessings over wine and challah bread, and a special family meal.

Shabbat ends on Saturday evening with a short ceremony called Havdalah, which uses a candle, spices, and wine to mark the separation between the holy day of rest and the rest of the week.



Our Key Questions

What do we do in the week?

What do we do at the weekend?

Why could it be important to do something different during Shabbat?

What do some Jewish families do to begin Shabbat?

What do some Jewish families do during Shabbat?

What could happen to mark the end of Shabbat?

What objects might we use to help us to remember a special day?

Why and how do Jewish families celebrate the whole of Shabbat?

Miriam is an important woman in the Torah and the sister of Moses and Aaron. She helped lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.

Miriam is described as a prophet in the Torah and played a leadership role among the Israelite women. After the Israelites safely crossed the Red Sea, she led them in singing and dancing to celebrate God freeing them from Egypt (Exodus 15).



Miriam

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Year 1 Summer 2

Interfaith Themes

Why do people tell stories?

Vocabulary

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Story	Author	Tradition
Tell	Plot	Culture
Listen	Problem	Myth
Character	Solution	Fable
Lesson	Moral	Legend

In many religions, stories are used to teach important beliefs, values, and ways of living. Religious stories help people understand big ideas about God, kindness, courage, forgiveness, and how to treat others, often through examples of important figures or events. In traditions such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Sikhi, and others, stories from sacred texts or traditions are passed down to help people remember teachings and share them with new generations. These stories are not only about the past but are used to help believers think about how to live a good life today. By telling and listening to religious stories, communities keep their beliefs, history, and lessons alive.



Our Key Questions

Which stories can we remember? Which stories are special to our class community? Why do people tell this story: The Boy who cried wolf.

Aesop's Fables – What can we learn from them?

Can stories make us feel better?

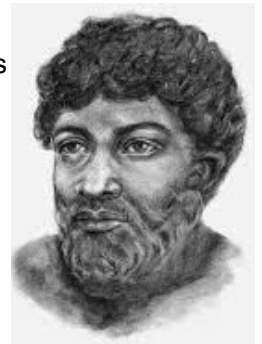
Do religious people have stories that help them when life is hard?

What have these stories taught us as a class community?

How can we share our stories with others?

Aesop was a storyteller who lived in Ancient Greece. He is famous for telling short stories called fables that teach lessons about how people should behave.

In many of his stories, animals act like people to help explain ideas about kindness, honesty, patience, and fairness. Well-known stories such as The Tortoise and the Hare and The Boy Who Cried Wolf are still told today because they help teach important lessons.



Aesop