



Christianity

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

An overview of the religion:



Christianity is one of the world's major religions. It is the world's largest religion, with about 2.4 billion followers. Christians (like Jews and Muslims) believe in one God, who created the world and all that is in it.

Christians believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ, a middle-eastern preacher and healer who lived around 2,000 years ago.

Christians believe that Jesus Christ was sent down to earth to save people, by taking their punishment and dying on the cross.

Question and Answers on Christianity.

Where do Christians worship?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christians can pray in any place, but the most common location is in a building called a church. Churches can be very different – old, new, plain or highly decorated. Often, the floor plans of churches are shaped in a cross. Church services often include hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.
What is the Bible?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bible is the holy book of Christians. It contains the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament is similar to the Jewish Bible and was written before Jesus' birth. The New Testament tells us the life and stories of Jesus.
How do Christians believe that people should live their lives?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christians believe that people should be compassionate to one another, and show respect to God, themselves and one another. Christians believe that praying to God helps them to say sorry for the things that they have done wrong, and thank them for the blessings given to them.
How many denominations of Christianity are there?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are many different denominations (types) of Christians. All Christians were once Catholics, but other groups branched off many years ago. The biggest Christian denomination is still Catholicism. To Catholics, the Pope is Christ's representative on earth. Other major groups include Protestants (including Anglican/Church of England faiths) and Orthodox.

The Key Beliefs of Christianity:

Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born to Mary and Joseph, in Bethlehem. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on 25th December, Christmas Day.



As an adult Jesus travelled around, teaching people about God and helping the sick. He chose 12 men to travel with him. They were his special companions and are known as the disciples.

Christians believe that God is seen in three ways, known as the Holy Trinity:



Christians believe that God created the Earth and everything in it in 6 days, resting on the 7th.

- **Father:** Creator of the world;
- **Son:** God reincarnated in the human form on Earth as Jesus;
- **The Holy Spirit:** God's power within us.

The story of creation tells Christians that at first everything was dark, until God spoke and created matter.

The Ten Commandments.

In the Bible, God reveals to Moses ten commandments, which Christians should aim to live their lives by:



1. You shall have no other Gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself any idol.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
4. You shall remember and keep the Sabbath day holy.
5. Respect your father and mother.
6. You must not commit murder.
7. You must not commit adultery.
8. You must not steal.
9. You must not give false evidence against your neighbour.
10. You must not be envious of your neighbour's goods.

Key Vocabulary:

God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, Bible, Cross/ Crucifix, The Ten Commandments, Catholic, Protestant, disciples,