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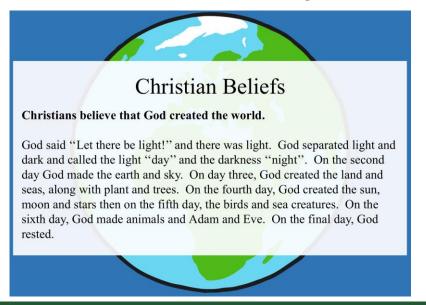
Learning More

Christianity



Key Beliefs

Christians follow the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth who they believe was the promised Messiah (God's son)
They believe that God has three forms: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is known as The Trinity.



Key Festivals

 Christmas - this is the celebration of the birth of Jesus which falls after a month of celebrations called Advent.

Dec 25th

 Easter - this is the most important festival which remembers the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday after Easter week when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday remembers the Last Supper and the arrest of Jesus. Easter celebrates the Resurrection to life of Jesus three days later.

Mar-Apr

- Pentecost- this celebrates the start of the Christian church, when the apostles started teaching, in May.
- Lent the period of fasting for 40 days leading up to Easter.

Key Facts

- •Christians believe that, to be a good Christian, one must lead a life that follows the teachings of Jesus.
- •The Trinity is the idea that God has three forms: God the Father in heaven, Jesus the Son who came to earth to teach, and God's power on Earth; the Holy Spirit.
- •The Apostles' Creed is the summary of all that Christians believe.
- •There are many different denominations, like Roman Catholic, Church of England, Quaker and Pentecostal among others.
- •The Bible is the holy book of Christianity. The Old Testament is shared with Judaism and the New Testament contains the Gospels (Jesus' story) and the acts of the first Christians.
- •Many Christians believe the whole Bible is one Big Story.
- •The Big Story is God, Creation, The Fall (Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden), The People of God (Old Testament stories), Incarnation (the coming of Jesus), Sacrifice (Lent), Gospel (teachings), Salvation (death and Resurrection) and Kingdom of God (Christians working for heaven on Earth).

Key Vocabulary

Good Friday	The day that Jesus died on the cross .
The Last Supper	The final meal that Jesus ate with his disciples before he died.
disciples	Jesus' close friends and followers.
Judas	One of Jesus' disciples.
sacrifice	Jesus giving himself up to be crucified to save humankind.
cross	The large wooden cross that Jesus was crucified on.
Pontius Pilate	The Roman governor.
betray	Being disloyal to someone.

Key Vocabulary	
Mary Magdalene	A friend of Jesus.
resurrection	The rising of Christ from the dead.
prayer	A way of talking to God.
crucifixion	Nailing someone to a cross to die.
tomb	A large space for burying a body.

Test Yourself

What do Christians believe about God?
What is the trinity and creed?
How do Christians use the bible?
What happened in Noah's ark?
What can we learn from the two builders?
What was Jesus' sacrifice?
What happened at the last supper?



Trinity

The Holy Trinity

A religious doctrine is a belief or set of beliefs held and taught by the Church.

The doctrine of the Trinity:

There is one God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Trinity, or Holy Trinity, is a way of describing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

God is described as God the Father because Christians believe that God is the creator of everything and Lord over all the universe.

God the Son refers to how Christians believe that God chose to come to earth as a human being in the form of Jesus, the son of Mary.

Finally, God the Holy Spirit refers to the power of God in the daily life of a Christian.

Many Christians believe that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are three Persons who are one God.

