

Hyde Park Junior School – Religious Education

Topic: Christianity – Why is Jesus Inspiring to some people?

Year: 4

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Key information

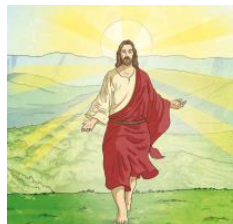
Christianity is focussed on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe to be the Son of God. Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the Middle East over 2,000 years ago. Christians believe that Jesus was the son of God and that he came to Earth to teach people about God’s message. Jesus is also known as Jesus Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, The Good Shepherd, Lamb of God, Light of the World, and Bread of Life.

The different symbols of Christianity



Christianity and Jesus Christ

Christianity is one of the five main world religions. It began after the death of Jesus. Jesus was born a Jew and Christianity originally developed as part of Judaism. Jesus lived a remarkable life full of incredible events many of which are described as miracles. These are described in the Gospels in the New Testament. Christians believe that the events described in the Gospel provide further evidence that Jesus is the incarnation of God. Christians believe the Jesus strove to improve the world he lived in. In addition, Christians believe that everyone sins and we are saved from sin by Jesus Christ. By repenting and following Jesus we can gain entry to Heaven. Easter and Christmas are important Christian festivals. Christmas celebrates Jesus’ birth and Easter celebrates Jesus’ death and resurrection. Christians believe that Jesus died for their sins and that one day he will come again. During Lent, Christians remember Jesus’ time fasting and praying in the desert



What do we mean by ‘belief’?

Belief in something means to accept that it exists, is true and is real. Often, belief can mean faith or confidence in something without physical ‘proof’. In religious terms, members of a religion believe that they’re directed by God (or deity).

Key Vocabulary

worship	to express adoration and reverence for a deity
inspirational	Someone or something who fills others with confidence and desire to do something.
Christianity	a religion based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ
Holy Week (Easter)	a religious week celebrated by Christians which marks the final days and death of Jesus
Judaism	the religion of Jewish people
The ten commandments	Ten rules given by God for people to live by.
Church	the Christian place of worship
Lent	The 40 days leading up to Easter. Christians often give something up for Lent.
resurrection	when Jesus rose from the dead
Old Testament	The first (and biggest) part of the Bible, written before Jesus was born.
New Testament	The second part of the Bible, which was written after Jesus was born
miracles	Amazing events that occur, but cannot be explained.

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Questions	Start of unit:	End of unit:
What makes a person inspirational?		
What words and actions of Jesus inspire Christians?		
Why is Jesus so important to Christians?		
How are the events of Holy Week celebrated by Christians?		
How do the events of Holy Week inspire Christians?		
Why is Good Friday called 'good'?		
What is the impact that believing in Jesus can have on a Christian's life?		
What do some Christians say are the most important attitudes and values to have?		