



### Topic Overview

Faculty/Subject: RS

Year Group: Year 7

Topic: Christianity



#### What BIG IDEAS will you cover in this topic?

In this unit, we will explore the core beliefs of Christianity. You'll learn about the Bible — including both the Old and New Testaments — and examine how Christians use it in their daily lives. We'll also explore the different Christian denominations and the distinction between the local church and the global Christian community. Finally, you'll reflect on what it means to be a "good neighbour," with a focus on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

#### What other key concepts, knowledge and skills will you learn in this topic?

Understand the Christian belief in the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

Learn about the different denominations within Christianity and how they may vary in practice and belief.

Explore the significance of the Bible in Christian life and worship.

Reflect on the parable of the Good Samaritan and consider the moral and ethical messages it teaches.

Develop empathy and the ability to reflect on how people respond to injustice and discrimination.

#### What important prior knowledge will you use from your prior learning?

This will depend on your individual experiences in Primary School. Any prior knowledge of Christian festivals, stories, or values will be helpful.

#### Where does this topic fit into the curriculum plan for this subject?

This is the second unit in Religious Studies and marks the beginning of your study of the six major world religions.

#### Assessment:

#### How and when will you be assessed on this topic?

#### What will the success criteria be?

You will complete an **End of Unit Assessment** focused on your knowledge and understanding of key Christian beliefs and teachings.

Your assessment will be an essay-style response based on the parable of **The Good Samaritan**. To be successful, your work should:

- Clearly explain the story and its key messages.
- Use full sentences, correct terminology, and accurate spelling of key vocabulary.
- Show empathy and understanding of why certain groups may experience discrimination.
- Analyse the actions of the characters and reflect on the lesson of being a "good neighbour."

#### What is the key vocabulary that you will need to know in this topic?

Denomination  
Church  
Protestant  
Catholic  
The Holy Trinity  
Orthodox  
Parables  
Samaritan  
CAFOD

#### What is the structure of learning/lessons in this topic?

- 1 - The Holy Trinity
- 2 - Different Christian Denominations
- 3 - The Church and The Worldwide Church
- 4 - The Parable of The Good Samaritan
- 5 - Assessment
- 6 - CAFOD
- 7 - The Parable of The Sheep and The Goats
- 8 - End of Unit test and DIRT

