

Understanding Christianity Progression of Knowledge

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
God			<p>Ideas about God Y2 Pupils will know that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians believe in God, and that they find out about God in the Bible.</li> <li>• Christians believe God is loving, kind, fair, and also Lord and King; and there are some stories that show this.</li> <li>• Christians worship God, and try to live in ways that please him.</li> </ul>				
Creation		<p><b>Harvest Y1</b> God created the universe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Earth and everything in it are important to God.</li> <li>• God provides everything we need to survive</li> <li>• Humans should care for the world because it belongs to God.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Bread as a symbol Y2</b> God created the universe in 7 days Humans have a special responsibility to look after God's world God has a unique relationship with human beings as their Creator and Sustainer.</p>		<p><b>Different religious beliefs</b> God the Creator cares for the creation, including human beings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As human beings are part of God's good creation, they do best when they listen to God.</li> <li>• The Bible shows that God wants to help people to be close to him — he keeps his relationship with them, gives them guidelines on good ways to live (such as the Ten Commandments).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Creation and science: conflicting or complimentary</b> There is much debate and some controversy around the relationship between the accounts of creation in Genesis and contemporary scientific accounts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These debates and controversies relate to the purpose and interpretation of the texts: for example, does reading Genesis as a poetic account conflict with scientific accounts?</li> <li>• There are many scientists through history and now who are Christians.</li> </ul> <p>The discoveries of science make Christians wonder even more about the power and majesty of the Creator.</p>	
Incarnation	<b>Celebrating Jesus' birthday</b>	<p><b>Waiting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians believe that Jesus is God and</li> </ul>			<p><b>Light as a Symbol</b> Christians believe God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians believe the Father</li> </ul>	<p><b>Was Jesus the Messiah?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus was Jewish.</li> <li>• Christians believe Jesus is God in the flesh.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Interpretation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The New Testament talks about the birth narratives</li> </ul>

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Gospel		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians believe Jesus brings good news for all people.</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Places</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•For Christians, this good news includes being loved by God, and being forgiven for bad things.</li> <li>•Christians believe Jesus is a friend to the poor and friendless.</li> <li>•Christians believe Jesus' teachings make people think hard about how to live and show them the right way.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Neighbour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Christians believe Jesus challenges everyone about how to live – he sets the example for loving God and your neighbour, putting others first.</li> <li>•Christians believe Jesus challenges people who pretend to be good (hypocrisy), and shows love and forgiveness to unlikely people.</li> <li>•Christians believe Jesus' life shows what it means to love God (his Father) and love your neighbour.</li> <li>•Christians try to be like Jesus – they want to</li> </ul>			

				<p>know him better and better.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians try to put his teaching and example into practice in lots of ways, from church worship to social justice.</li> </ul>			
Salvation	<p><b>New life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians remember Jesus' last week at Easter.</li> <li>• Jesus' name means 'He saves'.</li> <li>• Christians believe Jesus came to show God's love.</li> <li>• Christians try to show love to others</li> </ul>	<p><b>Welcoming</b></p> <p>Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sad and Happy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible.</li> <li>Jesus showed that he was willing to forgive all people, even for putting him on the cross.</li> <li>• Christians believe Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans.</li> <li>• Christians believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Suffering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection.</li> <li>• The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper, were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do.</li> <li>• Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today.</li> <li>• Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last week, death and resurrection.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Paschal Candle</b></p> <p>Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper, were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to do.</li> <li>• Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today.</li> <li>• Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last week, death and resurrection.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sacrifice</b></p> <p>Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The New Testament says that Jesus' death was somehow 'for us'.</li> <li>• Christians interpret this in a variety of ways: for example, as a sacrifice for sin; as a victory over sin, death and the devil; paying the punishment as a substitute for everyone's sins; rescuing the lost and leading them to God; leading from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom.</li> <li>• Christians believe that Jesus calls them to sacrifice their own needs to the needs of others, and some are prepared to die for others and for their faith.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Resurrection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God.</li> <li>• The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection.</li> <li>• Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to Christians that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God, but also that death is not the end.</li> <li>• This belief gives Christians hope for life with God, starting now and continuing in a new life (heaven).</li> </ul>