

Progression of Skills







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<u>God</u>

EYFS	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
SEE CREATION	Pupils will know that: Christians believe in God, and that they find out about God in the Bible. Christians believe God is loving, kind, fair and also Lord and King; and there are some stories that show this. Christians worship God and try to live in ways that please him.	 Pupils will know that: Christians believe God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (see Incarnation). Jesus the Son is seen by Christians as revealing what God the Father is like. They believe he promises to stay with them and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises. Christians find that understanding God is challenging; people spend their whole lives learning more and more about God. Christians really want to try to understand God better and so try to describe God using symbols, similes and metaphors, in song, story, poems and art. 	 Pupils will know that: Christians believe God is omnipotent, omniscient and eternal, and that this means God is worth worshipping. Christians believe God is both holy and loving, and Christians have to balance ideas of God being angered by sin and injustice (see Fall) but also being loving, forgiving, and full of grace. Christians believe God loves people so much that Jesus was born, lived, was crucified and rose again to show God's love. Christians do not all agree about what God is like, but try to follow his path, as they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching. Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a person rather than learning information.



Creation and Fall

EYFS	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Children will know	Pupils will know	Pupils will know that	Pupils will know that:
that:	that Christians	Christians believe:	There is much debate and some controversy
The word God is a	believe:	 God the Creator cares for the creation, 	around the relationship between the accounts of
name.	God created the universe.	including human beings.	creation in Genesis and contemporary scientific
 Christians believe God 	The Earth and everything in it	 As human beings are part of 	accounts.
is Creator of the	are important to God.	God's good creation, they do best when they	These debates and controversies relate to the
universe.	God has a unique	listen to God.	purpose and interpretation of the texts. For
 Christians believe God 	relationship with	• The Bible tells a story (in Genesis 3) about how	example, does reading Genesis as a poetic
made our wonderful	human beings as	humans spoiled their friendship with God	account conflict with scientific accounts?
world and so we should	their Creator and	(sometimes called 'the Fall').	There are many scientists throughout history
look after it.	Sustainer.	 This means that humans cannot get close to 	and now who are Christians.
	Humans should care for the	God without God's help.	The discoveries of science make Christians
	world because it belongs to God.	The Bible shows that God	wonder even more about the power and majesty
		wants to help people to be	of the Creator.
		close to him — he keeps his	
		relationship with them, gives them guidelines on	
		good	
		ways to live (such as the Ten	
		Commandments), and offers forgiveness even	
		when they keep on falling short.	
		Christians show that they	
		want to be close to God	
		too, through obedience and worship, which	
		includes saying sorry for falling short.	



People of God

EYFS	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
		Pupils will know that:	Pupils will know that:
		The Old Testament tells the story of a particular group	The Old Testament pieces together the story of the people of God. As their
		of people, the children of Israel — known as the People	circumstances change (for example, from being nomads (Abraham, Jacob) to
		of God — and their relationship with God.	being city dwellers (David)), they have to learn new ways of following God.
		The People of God try to live in the way God wants,	The story of Moses and the Exodus
		following his commands and worshipping him.	shows how God rescued his people from
		They believe he promises to stay with them and Bible	slavery in Egypt; Christians see this story as looking forward to how Jesus' death
		stories show how God keeps his promises.	and resurrection also rescue people from slavery to sin.
		The Old Testament narrative explains that the People	Christians apply this idea to living today by trying to serve God and to bring
		of God are meant to show the benefits of having a	freedom to others: for example, loving others, caring for them, bringing health,
		relationship with God and to attract all other nations to	food, justice, and telling the story of Jesus.
		worshipping God.	Christians see the Christian Church as
		Christians believe that, through Jesus, all people can	part of the ongoing story of the People
		become the People of God.	of God, and try to live in a way that attracts others to God: for example, as salt
			and light in the world.



Incarnation

EYFS	KS1 (7)	Lower KS2 (9)	Upper KS2 (11)	KS3 (14)
Children will know	Pupils will know that:	Pupils will know that:	Pupils will know that:	Students will know that:
that:	 Christians believe that 	 Christians believe Jesus 	• Jesus was Jewish.	Christians believe the incarnate
 Christians believe God 	Jesus is God and that	is one of the three	Christians believe Jesus is God in	Jesus embodies the nature of God
came to Earth in human	he was born as a baby in	persons of the Trinity:	the flesh.	and shows them what God is like.
form as Jesus.	Bethlehem.	God the Father, God the	 They believe that his birth, life, 	Christians believe Jesus' life
 Christians believe Jesus 	The Bible points out that	Son and God the Holy	death and resurrection were part	offers a pattern for humans and
came to show that all	his birth showed that he	Spirit.	of a longer plan by God to restore	models the way humans should
people are precious and	was extraordinary (for	 Christians believe the 	the relationship between humans	be.
special to God.	example, he is	Father creates; he sends	and God.	Christians have used artwork of
	worshipped as a king, in	the Son who saves his	The Old Testament talks about a	Jesus to show rich and diverse
	Matthew) and that he	people; the Son sends the	'rescuer' or 'anointed one' — a	ways of understanding the
	came to bring good news	Holy Spirit to his	messiah. Some texts talk about	incarnation and to reflect on the
	(for example, to the poor,	followers.	what this 'messiah' would be like.	nature of God.
	in Luke).	 Christians worship God 	 Christians believe that Jesus 	Christians believe the
	 Christians celebrate 	as Trinity. It is a huge idea	fulfilled these expectations, and	incarnation validates the physical
	Jesus' birth, and	to grasp, and Christians	that he is the Messiah. (Jewish	creation and the human body (for
	Advent for Christians is a	have created art to help	people do not think Jesus is the	example, in the Orthodox
	time for getting ready for	to express this belief.	Messiah.)	tradition).
	Jesus' coming.	 Christians believe the 	 Christians see Jesus as their 	 For Christians, Jesus' life and
		Holy Spirit is God's power	Saviour (see Salvation).	teaching exemplify God's interest
		at work in the world and		in, care for and love of the poor
		in their lives today,		and vulnerable.
		enabling them to follow		
		Jesus.		



<u>Gospel</u>

EYFS	KS1 (7)	Lower KS2 (9)	Upper KS2 (11)	KS3 (14)
	Pupils will know that:	Pupils will know that:	Pupils will know that:	Students will know that:
	 Christians believe Jesus 	 Christians believe Jesus 	 Christians believe the good news is 	 Jesus' teachings challenged
	brings good news for all	challenges everyone about	not just about setting an example for	social structures as well as
	people.	how to live — he sets the	good behaviour and challenging bad	individuals, disappointing some of
	 For Christians, this good 	example for loving God and	behaviour: it is that Jesus offers a way	his contemporaries, who wanted
	news includes being loved	your neighbour, putting	to heal the damage done by human	the Romans out and the People of
	by God, and being forgiven	others first.	sin.	God to rule.
	for bad things.	 Christians believe Jesus 	 Christians see that Jesus' teachings 	 The Bible teaches that the good
	 Christians believe Jesus is 	challenges people who	and example cut across expectations	news is for all people, and should
	a friend to the poor and	pretend to be good	— the Sermon on the Mount is an	bring liberation in individuals' lives
	friendless.	(hypocrisy) and shows love	example of this, where Jesus' values	and transform communities.
	 Christians believe Jesus' 	and forgiveness to unlikely	favour serving the weak and	 Jesus' teaching challenges
	teachings make people think	people.	vulnerable, not making people	Christians to embody this
	hard about how to live and	Christians believe Jesus' life	comfortable.	transformation in their individual
	show them the right way.	shows what it means to love	Christians believe that Jesus' good	lives, church communities, and in
		God (his Father) and love	news not only transforms lives now,	the wider world.
		your neighbour.	but also points toward a restored,	Christians believe the good news
		Christians try to be like	transformed life in the future. (See	points toward a future rule of God
		Jesus — they want to know	Salvation and Kingdom of God).	when wisdom will prevail, and evil
		him better and better.	Christians believe that they should	and suffering will end. (See also
		 Christians try to put his 	bring this good news to life in the	Kingdom of God.)
		teaching and example into	world in different ways, within their	 Jesus' teachings have influenced
		practice in lots of ways, from	church family, in their personal lives,	Christians and others beyond the
		church worship to social	with family, with their neighbours, in	Christian tradition.
		justice.	the local, national and global	
			community.	



Salvation

EYFS	VC1 (7)	Lower KC2 (0)	Hppor VC2 (11)	VC2 (14)
Children will	KS1 (7) Pupils will know that:	Lower KS2 (9) Pupils will know that:	Upper KS2 (11) Pupils will know that:	KS3 (14) Students will know that:
know that:	Easter is very important	Christians see Holy	• Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible	• For Christians, salvation is
Christians remember	in the 'big story' of the	Week as the culmination	as pointing out the need for God to save	•
Jesus' last week at Easter.	Bible.	of Jesus' earthly life,		a deep concept that
• Jesus' name means 'He	Jesus showed that he was	• •	people. This salvation includes the ongoing	incorporates all the others in this scheme.
saves'.		leading to his death and	restoration of humans' relationship with God.	
	willing to forgive all	resurrection.		It includes healing of the
• Christians believe Jesus	people, even for putting	The various events of	• The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death	whole person, of society
came to show God's love.	him on the cross.	Holy Week, such as the	and resurrection.	and of the natural world.
Christians try to show	Christians believe Jesus	Last Supper, were	• The New Testament says that Jesus'	• For Christians, different
love to others.	builds a bridge between	important in showing the	death was somehow 'for us'.	ways of understanding how
	God and humans.	disciples what Jesus came	Christians interpret this in a variety of	Jesus brings salvation
	Christians believe Jesus	to earth to do.	ways: for example, as a sacrifice for sin; as	depends upon which
	rose from the dead, giving	Christians today trust	a victory over sin, death and the devil;	aspect of Jesus' significance
	people hope of a new life.	that Jesus really did rise	paying the punishment as a substitute for	they emphasise: for
		from the dead, and so is	everyone's sins; rescuing the lost and	example, his teaching, his
		still alive today.	leading them to God; leading from	example, his death, his
		Christians remember	darkness to light, from slavery to freedom.	resurrection and so on.
		and celebrate Jesus' last	Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice	• For Christians, the Holy
		week, death and	through the service of Holy Communion	Spirit carries on the work of
		resurrection.	(also called the Lord's Supper, the	sanctification in their lives,
			Eucharist or the Mass).	helping them to be more
			Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to	like Jesus, restoring the
			Christians that Jesus is the incarnate Son of	image of God.
			God, but also that death is not the end.	
			This belief gives Christians hope for life	
			with God, starting now and continuing in a	
			new life (heaven).	
			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.	



Kingdom of God

EYFS	KS1 (7)	Lower KS2 (9)	Upper KS2 (11)	KS3 (14)
		Pupils will know that:	Pupils will know that:	Students will know that:
		 Christians believe that Jesus 	 Jesus told many parables about the 	For Christians, the future element of the
		inaugurated the 'Kingdom of	Kingdom of God. These suggest that	Kingdom of God suggests a renewed heaven
		God' — i.e. Jesus' whole life was a	God's rule has begun, through the life,	and earth, transforming the current
		demonstration of his belief that God is	teaching and example of Jesus, and	creation, but taking account of human
		king, not just in heaven but here and	subsequently through the lives of	achievement (as humans are made 'in the
		now. ('Your kingdom come, your will be	Christians who live in obedience to God.	image of God'), rather than wiping it away.
		done on earth as it is in heaven'.)	The parables suggest that there will be a	There are different Christian
		 Christians believe Jesus is still alive, 	future Kingdom, where God's reign will be	understandings about life after death (soul;
		rules in their hearts and lives through	complete.	resurrection or recreation; timeless beatific
		the Holy Spirit, if they let him.	The Kingdom is compared to a feast	vision or everlasting life), but God's rule is
		 Christians believe that after Jesus 	where all are invited to join in. Not	seen as fundamental.
		returned to be with God the Father, he	everyone chooses to do so.	Different readings of apocalyptic texts
		sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help	Many Christians try to extend the	(for example, Revelation) are a feature of
		the Church to make Jesus' invisible	Kingdom of God by challenging unjust	contemporary Christian beliefs, and these
		Kingdom visible by living lives that	social structures in their locality and in the	have an impact on how some Christians live
		reflect the love of God.	world.	now.
		 Christians celebrate Pentecost, as the 		
		beginning of the Church.		
		Staying connected to Jesus means that		
		the fruit of the Spirit can grow in the		
		lives of Christians.		