



Philosophers Year A Autumn Term 1 – What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today? (RE) Overview, Vocabulary and Sticky Knowledge



What do I already know?

In Little Explorers, I learned...

- Each person is individual and unique.
- People have different religious beliefs and this is ok!
- Christians believe God shows love for children through baptism. This is where children are blessed with Holy Water and candles are lit.

In Big Explorers, I learned...

- Religions use symbols to show belonging: some Christians wear a cross or use the symbols of a fish.
- Christian Baptisms involve using blessed water to clean and purify people. This welcomes them to the Christian faith.
- Christians and Muslims believe that marriage is a promise you make to look after and care for one another.

What will I now learn?

- Describe two things that Christians do to show their faith
- Describe how one hymn or song shows specific Christian beliefs or teaching
- Describe two things that might be hard or a challenge about being a Christian
- Give reasons why Christians and others help other people
- Note similarities and differences between the reasons that religious people and on religious people give for helping people
- Describe an example of a Christian you have studied who helped others by his or her actions.

Key Vocabulary:

Challenging
vocabulary.

denomination

Words to learn.

testament
duty
commandments
cathedral

Words I should
know.

Christian God Jesus belief community
family duty charity faith local
global church chapel

Sticky Knowledge:

- Christians often show their faith in different ways. Before meals, sometimes a prayer is said (called Grace) to thank God for the food about to be eaten.
- Some Christians will go to a church or cathedral to pray and show respect to God. When here, they will often sing hymns and listen to parables (stories) from the Bible. It is also a chance to meet together with other members of the Christian community.
- In church, Christians also say a special prayer called the Eucharist Prayer. This is where communion is taken, where wine and bread are eaten to represent Jesus' sacrifices.
- Sometimes, hymns and music is enjoyed. This is to celebrate the love of God.
- Christians sometimes take part in charity work. They may do this through their church or other organisations. They believe it is important to help and look after one another.
- 'Do to others what you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7: 12
- 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 19: 19



A church's stained-glass window. These often show images inspired by Bible stories.