



Background Information for Teachers

Religion has played an important role in the world. The type of religion has changed from place to place and over different times; however, we still draw many messages from it today. The children will be focussing on Christianity. Here they will explore worship and prayer. The children will describe some ways that Christians show their beliefs and recognise that some may choose to show their faith

What? (Knowledge)

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 there is only one God, but that he is revealed in three different forms:

- God the Father
- God the Son
- The Holy Spirit

Christians believe that God sent Jesus to live as a human being in order to save humanity from the consequences of its sins - the bad things humanity had chosen to do which had separated them from God.

Many Christians worship in churches. Some groups meet in homes and other buildings. 'Church' means the gathering of Christians as well as the building in which Christians worship. Their leaders are called priests or ministers.

Many churches hold a service called Communion, or Mass, in which bread and wine are shared together, just as Jesus did with his followers before his death.

What? Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Church	House of God, place of Christian worship
Prayer	Request for help and thanks to God
Worship	The feeling of Expression and adoration for God
Holy Communion	Ritual commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper at which he gave them bread and wine.
Cross	A symbol of Christianity
Bethlehem	Jesus' place of birth

Other ways Christians show their Beliefs

Prayer	Christians pray as a way of talking to God
Cross	Christians wear a cross to remember Jesus's crucifixion
Attend church	Christians attend church to speak with the priest.
Holy Communion	Christians take Holy Communion or Mass symbolising the Last Supper where Jesus shares bread and wine.
Life Choices	Christians try to live their life following the examples in the teachings of Jesus.

Key Question

- What are the similarities between God, The Son and Holy Spirit?
- How does the message of Christianity fit into peoples daily life?
- How does it make you feel if you praying for something and you prays are answered?
- What are the keys leanings that you have taken from this topic?
- Have you visited a Church before and what was your experience like?
- Do you think there is a messages of Love and belonging in the messages of Christ to people?
- What are the similarities between Christianity and other world religions? (Islam and Judaism)

Diagrams, Images and Symbols

