

U2.4 Christians and how to live: 'What would Jesus do?

Christianity

What I should already know:

That Christianity is a major world religion. God and Jesus are the key figures in this religion.
People who follow this religion are called Christians. The bible is the holy book for Christianity.
Stories in the New Testament are about the life and death of Jesus, who Christians believed to have been the Son of God. The birth of Jesus is celebrated at Christmas and his death (crucifixion) and resurrection (coming back to life) are the central parts of the Easter Story. Christians worship in churches of all different types. Sunday is the holy day.

Enquiry questions:

- What is love?
- What does it mean to love God?
- What does it mean to love your neighbour?
- Who is your neighbour?
- What is a parable?
- How do parables influence lives of Christians?
- What is a miracle?
- What is healing?
- What is justice?

New learning (facts):

Good Samaritan story from Christianity.
Foolish Builder story from Christianity
The sermon on the mount from Christianity
What Christian charities exist and what they do.
What the stories about miracles are in the bible.
Re-visit of the 10 commandments.



New learning (skills):

MAKE SENSE OF BELIEF:
Identify features of gospel texts (teaching, parable, narrative)
Suggest meaning of gospel texts studied
Compare own ideas with ways in which Christians interpret bible texts.
UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT:
Make clear connections between gospel texts, Jesus' good news, and how Christians live in the Christian community and in their individual lives.
MAKE CONNECTIONS:
Make connections between Christian teaching (peace, forgiveness, healing) and the issues, problems and opportunities in the world today, including our own lives.
Articulate own response to the issues we study and recognize different points of view.

Vocabulary:

love	A strong feeling of affection or commitment to someone or something. There are many types of love.
neighbour	In Christianity, everyone is your neighbour. You should demonstrate love and mercy for everyone.
Jesus	the man who Christians believe is the son of God and whose life, death, and resurrection as reported in the New Testament of the Bible
God	In Christianity, God is the eternal, supreme being who created and preserves all things.
bible	The holy scripture of the Christian religion. It consists of the old and new testaments.
gospel	These are the parts of the bible that tell Christians about the life and death of Jesus. The word gospel comes from Greek and means 'good news'.
sermon	An address (like a speech) delivered to a religious group – eg Christians.
parable	A short and simple story that teaches a moral or religious lesson.
prayer	Prayer is a communication with god. It can be individual or collective. The Lord's prayer is a well-known and important Christian prayer recited at many Christian activities.
miracle	A miracle is an extraordinary event that goes against nature, cannot be explained by science and that Christians believe is caused by God.
charity	Generosity or helpfulness to those in need or who are suffering.
justice	That everyone treated according to the same standards. In Christianity, God is a God of justice. He is the ultimate judge and everyone will be answerable to Him one day for their actions.