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This term our RE focus is on why Jesus is seen as inspirational by some people. We will be exploring key aspects of Jesus' life and teachings. In addition to this, students will consider the impact that believing in Jesus will have on a believer's life and reflect on the importance of Jesus for Christians today by considering the celebrations at the festival of Holy Week and Easter.

Key facts

- Christianity is the world's biggest religion, with about 2.2 billion followers worldwide. It is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ who lived in the Holy Land 2,000 years ago.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He came to earth to teach about love and fellowship.
- Jesus was a Jew who was born about 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Jesus lived for 33 years before being crucified by the Romans.
- Christians are people who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and who follow his teachings.
- Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples (followers) to show everyone that there is another life with one, eternal, loving God.
- The Bible is the Christian holy book. It is divided into the Old and New Testaments.
- The cross is the main symbol. It reminds Christians that Jesus died on the cross to save them.

Key Vocabulary

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| Bible: | The Christian scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments. |
| Christian: | A person who has received Christian baptism or is a believer in Christianity. |
| Jesus: | Jesus or Jesus Christ is the name of the man who Christians believe was the son of God. |
| Inspire: | Fill (someone) with the urge or ability to do or feel something. |
| Symbol: | A symbol is something that represents or stands for something else. |
| Parables: | A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels. |
| Samaritan: | A charitable or helpful person. |
| Miracle: | A miracle is a wonderful and surprising event that is believed to be caused by God. |
| Lent | Lent is a Christian festival marking the 40 days and nights before Easter. |

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Prior Learning

Year 1:

> Christianity

What makes someone a Christian and what do they believe?

Year 2:

> Christianity

What makes some places sacred?

Following on:

Year 4:

> Christianity and Islam

Why is the bible important to Christians today?

Year 5:

> Christianity and Islam

Why do some people think that God exists?

Year 6:

> Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Hinduism:

What do religions say to us when life gets hard?

Parables of Jesus

A good Samaritan is a person who does good deeds out of compassion and not because of any hope of reward. The term good Samaritan is derived from a parable told by Jesus in the book of Luke in the New Testament.



Christian festivals

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday when a service is held, and ash crosses are marked on Christian's forehead. This is to say sorry to God for any wrong doings. The final week of Lent is called Holy week. It is a time when Christians reflect and prepare for Easter, Christians remember Jesus going into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights to fast and prayer before the beginning of God's work.

