

# Christianity and Islam

## What makes someone a Christian or a Muslim?

This half term, our focus is to answer the question 'What makes someone a Christian or a Muslim?'

We are going to look at what each religion believes and how they began. We will also look at what is the same and what is different about both religions.

### Key facts

#### Christianity:

- Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He came to earth to teach about love.
- 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.

#### Muslims have 6 main beliefs:

1. Muslims believe that Allah is the one and only God.
2. Muslims believe in angels.
3. They believe in the Qur'an (the holy book).
4. Muslims believe in the Prophets, special messengers between Allah and the people.
5. They believe in the Day of Judgement. This is when it is decided if a person will go to heaven by looking back at that person's life.
6. Muslims believe that Allah has already decided on what will happen in their lives.

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Bible:</b>	The Christian holy book, made up of the Old and New Testaments.
<b>Christian:</b>	A person who is a believer in Christianity.
<b>Jesus:</b>	Jesus or Jesus Christ is the name of the man who Christians believe was the son of God.
<b>Qur'an:</b>	The holy book of Islam.
<b>Church:</b>	A Christian's place of worship.
<b>Muslim:</b>	A person who follows Islam.
<b>Allah:</b>	The God of Islam.
<b>Prophet Muhammad:</b>	The messenger of Allah.
<b>Mosque:</b>	A Muslim's place of worship.

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## Prior Learning

### Year 1:

> Christianity

What makes someone a Christian and what do they believe?

> Islam

What makes some places sacred?

## Following on:

### Year 3:

> Christianity

Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?

### Year 4:

> Religious and non-religious

What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?

### Year 5:

> Christianity and Islam

Why do some people think that God exists?

> Islam

What does it mean to be a Christian/Muslim in Britain today?

### Year 6:

> Christianity, Islam, and non-religious:

Is it better to express your beliefs through arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?

## God and Jesus:

Christians believe in one God, they also call him the Father. They believe that he sent his son, Jesus Christ, to show people a good way to live their lives.

Jesus' most important messages from God were to love God and look after one another.



## Muhammad (Peace be upon him)

Muhammad is very special to Muslims so they say 'peace be upon him' after his name. Muslims believe that he is the last prophet, or messenger, of Allah.

Muhammad (peace be upon him) went to the mountains around Mecca. One night, he heard the Angel Gabriel speaking to him. He realised that these were words from Allah.

Muhammad (pbuh) was the Messenger of Allah, so he remembered the words carefully. During his life, Muhammad (pbuh) was sent many other revelations from Allah for over 23 years. These words make up the Qur'an, the Muslim holy book.