

Christianity and Islam

This is the focus for Year 1 for the whole year.

This term we largely focus on how sacred books and stories are used in these two religions.

Background information

The Bible is the Christian holy book. It is a collection of sacred texts or scriptures. Varying parts of the Bible are considered to be a product of divine inspiration and a record of the relationship between God and humans by Christians. The Bible is divided into Old and New Testaments and is made up of many smaller books. It has been translated into many languages and produced in a variety of shapes and sizes.

The Qur'an is the Islamic holy book. Muslims believe it is the direct word of Allah, Allah is the Arabic word for God. The Qur'an teaches Muslims how to worship Allah, how to live good lives and how to treat others. It is an essential part of daily life both in the Mosque and at home.

Knowledge and Understanding

In this unit pupils will learn...

- To know why the Bible is holy and sacred for Christians.
- To explore some parables from the Bible (drama link)
- To know why the Qu'ran is holy and sacred for Muslims.
- To know some faith stories from the Islamic religion.
- To recognise that The Bible and Qu'ran are special and to know how they can influence religious people

Enquiry skills and Key concepts

- Respond to religious and moral stories.
- Begin to raise questions about some sources of wisdom and their origins
- Respond to faith stories and examples of showing care and concern for humanity and the world
- Respond to moral stories and demonstrate what it means to be right and wrong, just and fair
- To ask and begin to form answers questions about belonging, meaning, practices and beliefs eg Why do some people thank and praise God?
- To develop curiosity about religious beliefs and practises and to respect differences
- To express own ideas and opinions

Key Vocabulary:

Religion - a set or system of religious attitudes, beliefs and ways of doing things

Christianity – The Christian religion

Islam – The Muslim religion

Holy/Sacred - set apart for the service of God or of a divine being

Bible – The Christian holy book.

Qu'ran – The Muslim holy book.

Parable - a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

Moral - the lesson about right and wrong learned from a story or event

Origin – the starting point

God - the Being perfect in power, wisdom, and goodness whom people worship as creator and ruler of the universe, often believed to have more than human powers and called different things /worshipped in different ways in different religions

Allah – the Arabic word for God.