

Year 7 RE - Christianity

Game Changer: 'I can interpret and evaluate Christian ideas and assess how they have impacted the world'

This unit focuses on introducing the fundamental skills and knowledge used in RE and applied to Christianity. Understanding and interpreting the symbolism used by Christians and evaluating foundational Christian concepts. This unit aims to help transfer between KS2 and 3.

Sin	Actions that go against God's wishes
Original Sin	The first sin: Adam and Eve disobeying God by eating fruit in the Garden of Eden. Meant to be passed on to everyone since.
Baptism	A ceremony where an adult or child is cleansed of sin and welcomed into the Christian faith
Monotheism	The idea that there is only one God . Christians are monotheistic.
The Holy Trinity	The concept of God in Christianity: there is one God but in three parts – the father, the son, and the holy spirit.
Parable	A story with a deeper moral meaning. Jesus often used them to explain his teachings.
Crucifixion	The event of Jesus being killed by being nailed to a cross. Significant in that it is meant to enable forgiveness of original sin for everyone forever.
Resurrection	Jesus coming back to life 3 days after being killed. Demonstrates to Christians that there is life after death.

Parable of the Prodigal Son



- Teaches Christians that they should always attempt to forgive.
- Also reflects God's attitudes – like the father, God will always forgive those who ask it, and welcome them to heaven (like the son being welcomed home in the story).

Adam and Eve

In the Bible, Adam and Eve are the first people to be created by God, as told in the **Book of Genesis**. God gives them the **Garden of Eden** to live in, and commands them not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge. They are tempted by a snake, however, with several awful consequences:

- They are thrown out of the Garden
- They will now age and die (they were immortal inside the Garden)
- Eve and all women then on will have pain in childbirth
- Adam and all men then on will have to work for their food and shelter
- **All** their descendants, which is **everyone**, are born sinful. They are born with desires, and can't control them. We are therefore born **sinful** and **wanting** to sin. As only good people can go to heaven, this potentially means we **cannot get to heaven**.



Many Christians do not believe in this story now, because of the theory of evolution and the Big Bang Theory providing a scientific explanation of how humans and the universe began.

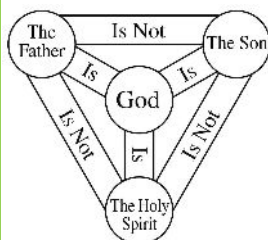


The Crucifixion

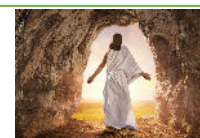
Christians believe that Jesus was executed by the Roman governor Pontius Pilate for claiming to be the King of the Jews. However, they think that Pontius Pilate didn't really want to do this, and felt forced by important Jewish leaders at the time. As Jesus was the Son of God, they believe that he could have avoided dying if he'd wanted. However, Jesus let it happen in order to forgive the original sin and let everyone get to heaven through faith alone.

God and the Holy Trinity

Christians believe in **one God**; they are **monotheistic**. However, they believe that the one God has three different persons – all of whom are different from each other, but make the one God together.



The Father is the creator, and the judge of everyone. The Son is Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is the part that helps Christians in their day-to-day lives.



The Resurrection

Christians believe that three days after Jesus was killed, he came back to life. This miracle is meant to show that he was the Son of God, and is also meant to show that Christians can live again too after death, by having faith and repenting their sins.

Baptism

An important Christian ceremony is **baptism**. Baptisms most commonly happen as a baby, known as infant baptism, or as an adult, known as a believer's baptism. A priest or vicar will bless whoever is being baptised, and pour holy water over them or immerse them completely in holy water. Christians get baptised for several reasons:

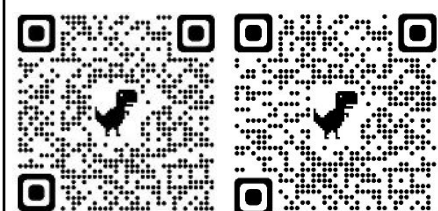
- Christians believe that it washes away the consequences of original sin, allowing them to go to heaven
- It creates a relationship with God
- It symbolises the start of their journey as a Christian



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