



# RE Knowledge Organiser—Christianity Year 5



**Christianity** is the world's largest religion. It is based on the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth and has around 2.4 billion followers.

Christians believe in one **God**, who created everything. Followers of **Jesus, Christians**, believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came to save people from their sins. He was born about 2000 years ago in Bethlehem but died on a cross and was **resurrected** 3 days later.

The **Bible** is the Christian holy book divided into the Old and New Testaments.

A **Church** is a place of worship.

## Christmas

**Christmas** is the annual festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. Jesus is God in the flesh, and that, in Jesus, God came to live among humans - **Incarnation**.

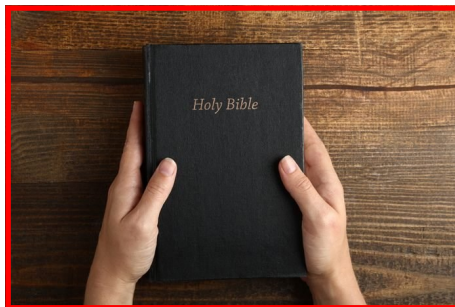
Through Jesus, sin is dealt with, forgiveness offered and the relationship between God and humans is restored this is called **Salvation**.

The first four books of the New Testament contain the 'Good News' and are called the **Gospels**. They contain the stories of Jesus' life and death. Christians obtain most of their knowledge and understanding of Jesus from these books. The Gospel books of Matthew and Luke share different versions of the **Nativity** story as they focus on different key aspects of the Christmas story. Christians focus on the birth of Jesus as the key truth within the stories.

**Church**



**The Bible**





## Lent

**Lent**, beginning on Ash Wednesday, is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the **40 days** of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. There are three core elements of this period - fasting, (both from food and festivities), praying and Almsgiving.

**Fasting** (biblical) - can be defined as abstaining from food for spiritual purposes.

**Prayer** - a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God.

**Almsgiving** - the practice of giving money or food to people in need.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING



## Commitment to God

To show their commitment to God Christians:

- Follow the **Ten Commandments** - Laws or rules handed down to Moses by God on Mount Sinai.
- **Pray** - a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God.
- Go to **church** – a Christian place of worship
- Display the **Fruits of the Spirit** (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control) - nine attributes of a person or community living in accord with the Holy Spirit
- Take **Holy Communion** - This helps Christians to remember Jesus dying for them on the cross and by taking communion it shows their commitment to God. Communion is a way for Christians to say 'thank you' to God for Jesus' life and death.
- **Confirmation** - Rite of initiation normally carried out through anointing, the laying on of hands, and prayer, for the purpose of bestowing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Understand that some of these will be more significant to some Christians than others.