



RE Knowledge Organiser—Christianity Year 6



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.

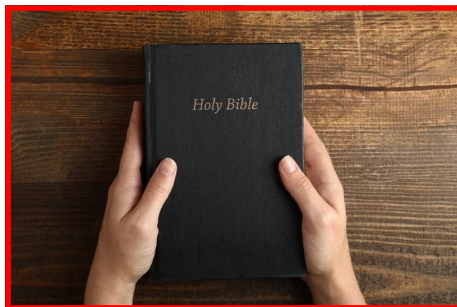
The **Bible** is the Christian holy book divided into the Old and New Testaments.

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

Church



The Bible



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**.

Some Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians to remember who Jesus is and why he is important (e.g. singing carols tells the story from the Gospels but other Christmas songs such as Rudolph do not!).

Examples of **Christmas celebrations and traditions**—singing carols, going to Church, giving presents, Christmas trees, Nativity scenes, decorations, Father Christmas and eating special food.



Eternity

Christians believe that for eternal life they need to believe in God, do their best to follow the **Ten Commandments** - Laws or rules handed down to Moses by God on Mount Sinai and the 2 great commandments, and ask for forgiveness when they need it (sin). They believe Jesus made forgiveness possible by His crucifixion. Jesus taught that love should be eternal and unconditional (**Agape** Pronounced a-ga-pay). Jesus' resurrection means Christians will also be able to have life after death (eternal life).

Stories of Love and Eternity

Matthew 6:43-47 Love your enemies

Jesus said to love your enemies. He meant that you must treat them as well as you treat people you like. You must be kind and respectful to them. You must put their needs before your own. You must not treat them badly.

Mark 12: 29-31 The two great commandments

One day Jesus was asked which was the most important commandment. Jesus answered, "The most important one is this, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

Luke 15:11-32 The Lost Son

The son in this story convinced his father to give him his portion of his inheritance. He then left his father and squandered all of the money living a wild life. He became so poor that he was willing to eat the food that was being feed to pigs. Finally, he came back to his father and told him how sorry he was. His father was thrilled to forgive him.

Luke 24:13-35 Walk to Emmaus

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to 2 disciples who were walking together on the road to Emmaus. They didn't recognize him, but he helped them see how the Scriptures pointed to himself as the Messiah.

1 Corinthians 13:4-13 What is love?

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth that love was the most important of the spiritual gifts that God had given His people. He wanted the people to know that God gave His people gifts for them to encourage other people and not to puff themselves up. No matter what the people did, they needed to do it with love. Paul then gave them a list describing what love is like. Finally, love is the one thing that will last forever.