

Topic	Knowledge
The Nature of God	<p>* Christianity is the most popular religion in the world with over 2 billion followers, the cross is the universal Christian symbol</p> <p>* The history of Christianity is focussed on the life, death and resurrection of one person, Jesus Christ, the son of God</p> <p>* Christians believe there is only one God, he is omnipotent, omniscient, omnibenevolent and omnipresent, he is beyond human understanding and is the ultimate creator of the universe. It is him who they pray to and worship.</p> <p>* Although God is thought to be beyond human understanding Christians believe that through the Bible God has revealed himself to be part of the Trinity, he is three persons or aspects in one. This helps Christians understand God and his actions in the world.</p> <p>* The Nature of God is important to Christians as he is seen to be a perfect, unique being that has chosen to create us and show us eternal love. Christians believe the nature of God allows them to build a connection with him and guides their prayer</p>
The Bible	<p>* The Bible is made up of two sections, the Old Testament and the New Testament and has 44 different authors.</p> <p>* Jewish leaders and prophets such as Moses wrote letters and stories about their experiences with God. This forms the Old Testament. The New Testament is the second part of the Bible, it centres on the life and teachings of Jesus. Jesus told his followers to spread the word. One way disciples did this was by sending letters. There were lots of letters, teachings and stories written down about Jesus as the followers spread out. The Council of Nicaea was the first council of Christian bishops that came together to discuss key Christian beliefs. Some books of the Bible are thought to have been agreed here. There were further councils and meetings where the books of the Bible were agreed upon. This formed the Bible we know today</p>
The Trinity & Nicene Creed	<p>* The Trinity represents God as three in one:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God the Father – Creator of the universe - God the Son – Saviour of humanity who died for our sins - God the Holy Spirit - An invisible force that is active in the world and guides and helps humans <p>* However, although the Trinity is a core Christian belief the word ‘Trinity’ does not actually appear in the Bible, throughout history this caused much controversy and debate. Therefore in 325 AD a group of important religious leaders gathered together and created the Nicene Creed which declared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christianity is a monotheistic religion - God is made up of three persons, Father, Son & Holy Spirit – yet remains just one God - God is an absolutely simple substance, indivisible and therefore having no parts
Parables	<p>* A parable is a short story in the Bible told by Jesus – it often has a positive message to help guide Christians into making good choices</p> <p>* One example is the parable of the ‘Good Samaritan’ where an injured man is ignored by his people but helped by an enemy</p> <p>*The story of the Good Samaritan, as told by Jesus in one of the gospels of the New Testament. A traveller is beaten up and robbed, and left for dead along the road. A priest comes by, but deliberately avoids the man. A lawyer also comes by but he too avoids the injured. Finally, a Samaritan comes by, and he helps the injured man, in an act of mercy and compassion.</p> <p>* Jesus was showing that we should all treat each other with love and kindness – no matter if we are friends or enemies</p> <p>* From this parable we get the famous quote ‘Love thy neighbour’</p>
The Church	<p>* A Church is a Christian place of worship, there are over 37 million worldwide</p> <p>* Most Churches have similar features, such as a vicar to lead services, pews for people to sit on, an altar to pay respect to God and a font for Christenings</p> <p>* Ceremonies such as baptisms, weddings and funerals take place here</p>

	<p>* A vicar is an important religious leader who works within a certain Church or community. Working from the church a vicar holds religious services such as communal worship, marriages, funerals and christenings. A vicar is a respected role model for believers, they form close relationships with church members and help and guide them in times of need.</p>
Jesus	<p>* The incarnation is when God became flesh = he became Jesus a living human being, e took on a physical human form to be more accessible to humans, it is important to remember, Jesus was not separate to God; Jesus WAS God in a different form.</p> <p>* As stated in the Nicene Creed, Jesus is not FROM God, he is not made by God he is his own person, yet he shares in Gods unity as part of the Trinity.</p> <p>* He spent his life being a role model for humanity, for example Jesus asks us to repent—turn away from wrong, confess wrongdoing, Jesus showed compassion and love for all and helped them: the poor, the despised, the outcasts, and wants us to do the same he also preaches, “Love your enemies; do not hate, be reconciled” He spread the word of God and is they core founding element in Christianity</p> <p>* Undoubtably the most important purpose Jesus fulfilled during his time on Earth is dying for our sins. Jesus chose to die because he loved people and wanted to save them, all people were forgiven their sins and so had a chance to go to heaven.</p> <p>* The Bible teaches that death was not the end for Jesus. They believe that he rose from the dead on the third day, after being placed in the tomb. This is the resurrection. Christians believe that Jesus was not just a man in the past, but is a living saviour, relevant to their lives today.</p>

Key Word	Meaning
Omnibenevolent	God is all loving
Omniscient	God is all seeing and all knowing
Omnipresent	God is everywhere
Omnipotent	God is all powerful
The Bible	The Christian Holy Book
Old Testament	The first part of the Bible
New Testament	The second part of the Bible focussing on Jesus
Canon	A collection or list of sacred books accepted as genuine
Commandments	The laws laid down by God on how to live a good life
Trinity	The Christian belief that God is three things in one – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
The Nicene Creed	The statement released by the Church that confirms the Trinity
Parables	A short story in the Bible told by Jesus
Church	The Christian place of worship
Vicar	A representative and leader of a Church
Incarnation	God becoming flesh
Crucifixion	Method used to kill Jesus – being tied to a cross
Resurrection	Being raised from the dead

Quotes
<p><i>‘Thou shall not murder’</i> Bible</p>
<p><i>‘Forgive those who sin against you’</i> Bible</p>
<p><i>‘God is love’</i> Bible</p>
<p><i>‘Love thy neighbour’</i> Bible</p>
<p><i>‘Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!’</i> Bible</p>
<p><i>‘I baptise you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit’</i> Bible</p>