

Buckden RE knowledge progression

Christianity	Year 1		Year 3/4	Year 5		
God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christians believe in God, and that they find out about God in the Bible. Christians believe God is loving, kind, fair, and also Lord and King; and there are some stories that show this. <p>Christians worship God, and try to live in ways that please him.</p>		See Incarnation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christians believe God is omnipotent, omniscient and eternal, and that this means God is worth worshipping. Christians believe God is both holy and loving, and Christians have to balance ideas of God being angered by sin and injustice (see Fall) but also being loving, forgiving, and full of grace. Christians believe God loves people so much that Jesus was born, lived, was crucified and rose again to show God's love. Christians do not all agree about what God is like, but try to follow his path, as they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching. <p>Christians believe getting to know God is like getting</p>		
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Creation/ Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The word God is a name. Christians believe God is the creator of the universe. Christians believe God made our wonderful world and so we should look after it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created the universe. The Earth and everything in it are important to God. God has a unique relationship with human beings. Humans should care for the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God has a unique relationship with human beings as their Creator and Sustainer. Humans should care for the world because it belongs to God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God the Creator cares for the creation, including human beings. As human beings are part of God's good creation, they do best when they listen to God. The Bible tells a story (in Genesis 3) about how humans spoiled their friendship with God (sometimes called 'the Fall'). This means that humans cannot get close to God without God's help. The Bible shows that God wants to help people to be close to him – he keeps his relationship with them, gives them guidelines on good ways to live (such as the Ten Commandments), and offers forgiveness even when they keep on falling short. Christians show that they want to be close to God too, through obedience and worship, which includes saying sorry for falling short. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is much debate and some controversy around the relationship between the accounts of creation in Genesis and contemporary scientific accounts. These debates and controversies relate to the purpose and interpretation of the texts: for example, does reading Genesis as a poetic account conflict with scientific accounts? There are many scientists through history and now who are Christians. The discoveries of science make Christians wonder even more about the power and majesty of the Creator.
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People of God

- The Old Testament tells the story of a particular group of people, the children of Israel – the People of God – and their relationship with God.
- The People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his commands and worshipping him.
- They believe he promises to stay with them, and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises.
- The Old Testament narrative explains that the People of God are meant to show the benefits of having a relationship with God, and to attract all other nations to worshipping God.

Christians believe that, through Jesus, all people can become the People of God.

- The Old Testament pieces together the story of the People of God. As their circumstances change (for example, from being nomads (Abraham, Jacob) to being city dwellers (David)), they have to learn new ways of following God.
- The story of Moses and the Exodus shows how God rescued his people from slavery in Egypt; Christians see this story as looking forward to how Jesus' death and resurrection also rescue people from slavery to sin.
- Christians apply this idea to living today by trying to serve God and to bring freedom to others, for example by loving others, caring for them, bringing health, food, justice, and telling the story of Jesus. Christians see the Christian Church as part of the ongoing story of the People of God, and try to live in a way that attracts others to God, for example as salt and light in the world.

Incarnation

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe God came to Earth in human form as Jesus. • Christians believe Jesus came to show that all people are precious and special to God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem. • The Bible points out that his birth showed he was extraordinary (e.g. he is worshipped as a king, in Matthew) and that he came to bring good news (e.g. to the poor, in Luke). • Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time for getting ready for Jesus' coming. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe Jesus is one of the three persons of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. • Christians believe the Father creates; he sends the Son who saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers. • Christians worship God as Trinity. It is a huge idea to grasp, and artists have created art to help to express this belief. • Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God's power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe the Father creates; he sends the Son who saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers. • Jesus, the Son of God, is seen by Christians as revealing what God the Father is like. • Understanding God is challenging; people spend their whole lives learning more and more about God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus was Jewish. • Christians believe Jesus is God in the flesh. • They believe that his birth, life, death and resurrection were part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God. • The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' — a messiah. Some texts talk about what this 'messiah' would be like. • Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah. (Jewish people do not think Jesus is the Messiah.) <p>Christians see Jesus as their Saviour (see Salvation)</p>

Gospel

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Salvation

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians remember Jesus' last week at Easter. • Jesus' name means 'He saves'. • Christians believe Jesus came to show God's love. • Christians try to show love to others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible. Jesus showed that he was willing to forgive all people, even for putting him on the cross. • Christians believe Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans. • Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead, giving people hope of a new life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible. Jesus showed that he was willing to forgive all people, even for putting him on the cross. • Christians believe Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans. • Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead, giving people hope of a new life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection. • The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper, were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do. • Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today. <p>Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last week, death and resurrection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God. • The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New Testament says that Jesus' death was somehow 'for us'. • Christians interpret this in a variety of ways: for example, as a sacrifice for sin; as a victory over sin, death and the devil; paying the punishment as a substitute for everyone's sins; rescuing the lost and leading them to God; leading from darkness to light. • Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice through the service of Holy Communion (also called the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist or the Mass). • Christians believe that Jesus calls them to sacrifice their own needs to the needs of others, and some are prepared to die for others and for their faith. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God. • The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection. • Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to Christians that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God, but also that death is not the end. • This belief gives Christians hope for life with God, starting now and continuing in a new life (heaven).

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Kingdom of God				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians believe that Jesus inaugurated the 'Kingdom of God' – i.e. Jesus' whole life was a demonstration of his belief that God is king, not just in heaven but here and now ('Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven'). • Christians believe Jesus is still alive, and rules in their hearts and lives through the Holy Spirit, if they let him. • Christians believe that after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God. • Christians celebrate Pentecost as the beginning of the Church. • Staying connected to Jesus means that the fruit of the Spirit can grow in the lives of Christians. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus told many parables about the Kingdom of God. These suggest that God's rule has begun, through the life, teaching and example of Jesus, and subsequently through the lives of Christians who live in obedience to God. • The parables suggest that there will be a future Kingdom, where God's reign will be complete. • The Kingdom is compared to a feast where all are invited to join in. Not everyone chooses to do so. • Many Christians try to extend the Kingdom of God by challenging unjust social structures in their locality and in the world.

	EYFS	Year 1		Year 2		
Judaism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every year Jewish children celebrate a special ‘birthday’ of the trees by planting new trees • At Tu B’shevat Jewish children eat fruit 	<p>Mitzvah is the Jewish word for good deed or action. It is something God asks all Jews to do. Jews believe it’s a mitzvah (good deed) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •HELP others in need. •WELCOME others. •GIVE money to help other people •CARE for the world. <p>Mitzvahs make a Jewish person feel like they belong.</p>	<p>Jewish people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say prayers and blessings to God because it reminds them how great God is. • Say thank you to God for all he provides. • Have a day of rest each week called Shabbat. • Pray at both home and the synagogue. • Sometimes wear special clothes. 	<p>The Torah is an important book for Jews. Jewish people believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Torah is a very important book, so important, that when they get to the end, they start to read it all over again. • The Torah was given to the Jewish people from God. • The Torah contains rules from God on how we should live. • The Torah should be treated with respect. 		
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Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muslim families think ‘God’ is very important just like Christian families • They like new babies to hear the word ‘God’ as one of their first words ever. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muslims, love stories of Muhammad; they say he is God’s messenger in the world. 	<p>That Muslims believe in Allah – the one true God. Muslims believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Allah is a compassionate God. • That if Allah is compassionate, Muslims should be too. • Allah wants Muslims to look after all living creatures. • That Muhammad is an example for all Muslims to follow. • That being hungry helps them feel compassion for those in need. 	<p>Submission is about recognising that Allah is to be obeyed at all times. That Muslims believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Allah is the one true God; the most important being in the universe. • That Allah should be obeyed in every way and Muslims trust him to tell them the right thing to do. • That praying five times a day helps them to remember to submit to Allah in all they do. 	<p>Revelation is how Allah imparts whatever he wishes to those he chooses. Muslims believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The greatest revelation has come from Allah to the Prophet Muhammad and is recorded in the Qur’an. • The Qur’an reveals what God is like, provides guidance for living and the key to preparation for the life to come. <p>The words of the Qur’an are the actual words of Allah received over a period of time by the Prophet Muhammad through the Angel Jibreel (Gabriel).</p>	<p>Tawhid is the central Muslim belief that there is only one God and that God is unique. Muslims believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is only one true God. • Everything comes from Allah. He is eternal and infinite. • Muslims believe all humans come from God and will go to God when they die. • Muslims believe all humans exist to serve Allah and obey him. • All Muslims belong to the ummah, the worldwide Islamic community.

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Hinduism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raksha Bandhan is a festival that celebrates love between brothers and sisters. • The main custom is the giving of a bracelet of woven threads called a rakhi. 	<p>Karma means actions. Whatever we do produces a result.</p> <p>Hindus believe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We all have a soul. • The soul is reincarnated when we die, it lives on and moves into a new body. • We collect good and bad karma through our actions which always have consequences. <p>Hindus are encouraged in their holy books to perform acts of selfless kindness.</p>	<p>Moksha is freedom from the cycle of birth-death-rebirth (samsara).</p> <p>That Hindus believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life is a journey towards re-union with God and there are different pathways to achieve this. • Hindus read from the Gita for guidance, comfort and advice. • Most Hindus follow Bhakti yoga which teaches people can reach moksha through loving devotion to God. • Many Hindus direct their devotion to Krishna; they believe that if they focus their love on him he will be their route to moksha.
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Sikhism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Sikhs and Hindus celebrate a festival called Diwali. Sikhs celebrate it as Bandi Chhor Divas • Sikhs tell a story about Har Gobind. Sikhs still celebrate this story today with lights and fireworks 	<p>Sikhs believe everyone is equal.</p> <p>That Sikhs believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guru Nanak taught that God was present in everyone. • Everybody is equal because God is in each heart. • All Sikh boys are called Singh, and girls Kaur. These extra names show all are equal and important to God. • Eating together in the langar helps put equality in practice. No one is more important than anyone else. • In the Gurdwara, worshipping together reminds Sikhs they are all equal. 	<p>A Guru is a teacher who gives guidance from God.</p> <p>Sikhs believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In one God 'Waheguru,' the most wonderful teacher. • That no one religion is the only true way to Waheguru. We are all children of God. • Guidance from God came to humans through ten Gurus. • Guru Nanak was the first Guru. He wanted to teach people how they should live their lives and try to bring them into the light. • The Guru Granth Sahib continues to lead those who choose to follow its teachings from Darkness to Light. Sikhs are encouraged to listen and meditate on its words. • Repeating 'Waheguru' focuses the mind and helps you know God better.
	Year 6		
Humanism	<p>Humanism is a non-religious worldview.</p> <p>Humanists believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every human has only one life to live. • That what is right and wrong should be based on reason and respect for others. • Happiness is a key purpose of this one life and that the time to be happy is now. • That happiness is found in treating others as you would like to be treated. • Do not believe in God or an afterlife. • Look to science instead of religion as the best way to discover and understand the world. • In the importance of providing meaningful non-religious ceremonies like weddings and funerals. 		