

The National Junior C of E Primary School

Unit: God.

Subject: RE

Term: 1

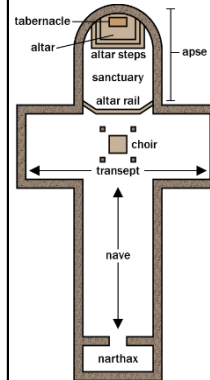
Unit Overview / Key Question:

What does it mean if God is Holy and Loving?

How can Christians use biblical texts to help understand God?

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 they have to balance ideas of God being angered by sin and injustice but also loving, forgiving, and full of grace. Christians do not all agree about what God is like, but they try to follow his path, as they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching. Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a person rather than learning information.

Symbols and Key Festivals



The shape of a church is a cross this represents Christian belief that Jesus died on a cross for our sins.

What?

Key Knowledge

What do biblical texts tell Christians about God?	Do Christians know God? How do they know about and what God is like? Christians find these answers within biblical texts which describe actions and characteristics of God. A biblical text is a piece of writing found in or about the Bible. Christians believe that God is omnipotent, omniscient, eternal, holy, loving and spirit.
What do churches and cathedrals tell us about Christian's belief in God?	Within churches and cathedrals there are many different features that tell us about Christians' belief about God; stained glass windows tell stories, confessionals talk of forgiveness, the altar talks of sacrifice, the size of the building speaks of God's power as well as human creativity and the cross shape and crucifixes talk of God's love through Jesus.
What is the impact of Christian music?	Songs are an important part of Christian spiritual belief and as a part of their worship. Some of the reasons are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminding them of God's presence • Helping them to know God better • Part of their praise and worship • Helping to comfort and encourage them.
What are the differences between Christians and Humanist guidelines for life?	Christians believe that God gave Moses the 10 commandments which are the guidelines in which Christians try to live their life by. On the other hand Humanists would argue that humans should come up with their own guidelines for living, not rely on any supernatural being for guidance. Christians try to be 'good with God' where as Humanists try to be 'good without God'. Humanists try to follow rules such as: be honest, use your mind, tell the truth and do to other people what you would like them to do to you.



Within the Bible there are many texts which give Christians a better idea of what God is like.



The 10 commandments are a list of rules or guidelines that Christians live their life by.

Vocabulary

Omnipotent	God is all-powerful.
Eternal	God created time and is not limited by it - God is outside time. God does not get old like human beings.
Loving	God wants the very best for human beings, and does a lot to care for them.
Omniscient	God knows all things.
Spirit	God is not physical - God does not have a body.
Holy	God is awesome and amazing. God is morally pure and hates sin - God is separate from human beings, who are sinful.
Humanist	Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe that people have one life to live - there is no afterlife.
10 commandments	The 10 commandments are a list of rules that Christians live their lives by, they believe God gave these to Moses.

Prior Knowledge

In previous year groups children have learnt about the different features within a church. Examples of these features are; pulpit, altar, nave, lectern, crucifix, stained glass windows, candles and an organ. They have learnt that Christians believe in God, and that they find out about God in the Bible. They know that Christians believe God is loving, kind, fair and also Lord and King; and there are some stories that show this. Children have learnt the 10 commandments and their importance in a Christian's life. Children know that Christians believe God is the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They believe The Father creates; he sends the Son who save his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers.

