

**Understanding Christianity - Bible texts**

Unit	Core learning	Digging deeper	Other verses referenced
<p><b>F1 Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?</b></p>	<p>In the beginning God created the universe (Genesis 1 – 2 v.4) and it belongs to him (Psalm 24).</p> <p>'Do not use my name for evil purposes,' says the LORD. (from the Ten Commandments - Exodus 20 v.7)</p> <p>No-one has seen God because God is spirit (John 4 v.24) but Jesus makes him known (John 1 v.18)</p> <p>God is the giver of life and breath (Acts 17 v.24-28)</p> <p>Jesus' parable of the precious pearl – Matthew 13 v.45-46</p>	<p>In the beginning God created the heavens and earth (Genesis 1 v.1)</p> <p>God asked Adam to name the animals (Genesis 2 v.19-20)</p> <p>God looked at everything he had made and was very pleased (Genesis 1 v.31)</p> <p>I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. (Genesis 1 v.20)</p> <p>Lord, you have made so many things! How wisely you made them all! The earth is filled with your creatures. (Psalm 104 v.24)</p>	<p>The Lord's prayer (Matthew 6 v.9-13)</p> <p>Jesus makes God visible, shows them what God is like (John 14 v.9)</p>
<p><b>F2 Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas? What makes every single person unique and precious?</b></p>	<p>Stories of the adult Jesus e.g. Feeding of 5000 (John 6)</p> <p>Jesus' birth is announced (Luke 1 v.26-38 / Matthew 1 v.18-25)</p> <p>Jesus is born in Bethlehem (Luke 2 v.1-7)</p> <p>Shepherds (Luke 2 v.8-20) and magi (wise men) visit (Matthew 2 v.1-12)</p>	<p>Jesus welcomes the children- Mark 10 v.13-16</p> <p>Jesus lost in the Temple – Luke 2v.41-51</p> <p>The Lost Coin – Luke 15 v.8-10</p> <p>He knows every hair on your head – Matthew 10 v.30</p> <p>Love one another as I have loved you – John 13 v.34-35</p>	<p>Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1 v.15)</p>

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<b>F3 Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden? How can we help others when they need it?</b>	Stories from the Easter narrative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palm Sunday e.g. Matthew 21 v.1-11</li> <li>• Jesus' arrest, death and burial e.g. Matthew 26 v.47-56; 27 v.15-66;</li> <li>• Jesus' resurrection e.g. Matthew 28 v.1-15</li> <li>• Easter morning in the garden - John 20 v.1-18 (Jesus and Mary)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two great commandments: Love God and love your neighbour as you love yourself Luke 10 v. 27 – offering a reason for helping</li> <li>• The Good Samaritan (Jesus' parable) Luke 10 v.25-37 – offering a selfless example of helping others</li> <li>• Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers, ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart (Philippians 4 v.6)</li> </ul>	
<b>1.1 What do Christians believe God is like?</b>	Lost Son (Luke 15:1-2, 11-32)	Book of Jonah	Link between the story of Jonah and Jesus stilling the storm (Matthew 8 v.23-27) Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3 v.1-12)
<b>1.2 Who made the world?</b>	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Ditto	Thankfulness - 'Freely you have received, freely give' (Matthew 10 v.8)
<b>1.3 Why does Christmas matter to Christians?</b>	Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20	Matthew 1:18 – 2:12	Parallels with the old Testament e.g. the flight to Egypt
<b>1.4 What is the good news that Jesus brings?</b>	Matthew 9:9-13 Luke 6: 37–38 John 14:27 (Matthew 18:21-22)	Luke 11:9-13 Luke 17:11-19 Matthew 13:45-46	
<b>1.5 Why does Easter matter to Christians?</b>	John 12:12-15 Jesus' entry into Jerusalem Luke 22:47-53 Jesus' betrayal and arrest	Luke 19:45-46/48 cleansing of the temple	

	Luke 23:26-56 crucifixion, death and burial Luke 24:1-12 finding the empty tomb John 20:11-23 Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene and the disciples	John 13:1-11 washing of disciples' feet Luke 22:7-23 Last Supper Luke 22:66-71 and 23:1-5 Jesus' trials (you might choose one trial or do both)	
<b>2a.1 What do Christians learn from the Creation story?</b>	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Genesis 2:15-17 Genesis 3:1-24	Link Genesis 3 to the parable of the lost son (Luke 15:11-17)
<b>2a.2 What is it like to follow God?</b>	Genesis chapters 6:5-9:17	Abraham: Genesis 12:1-9 Genesis 17:1-8, 15-21 Genesis 18:1-15 Genesis 21:1-5	Genesis 22 - the 'binding' of Isaac
<b>2a.3 What is the Trinity?</b>	Matthew 3:11-17 2 Corinthians 13:14	John 1:1-14	Ephesians 4:4-16
<b>2a.4 What kind of world did Jesus want?</b>	Matthew 4:18-22 Mark 1:40-44	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 18:9-14
<b>2a.5 Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?</b>	Matthew 21:7-11 Luke 23:13-25,32-48 Luke 24:1-12	Matthew 26:17-75 John 13: 4-17	John 13:34-35 John 21:15-19
<b>2a.6 When Jesus left, what then?</b>	Acts 2:1-15, 21-24 , 37-47	1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Galatians 5:22-23	John 14:16-17
<b>2b.1 What does it mean if God is holy and loving?</b>	Psalms 103 Isaiah 6 John 4:7-13	Proverbs 6:16-19 Luke 23:33-34	Exodus 19:1-19 Matthew 18:22 (Additional text Luke 15:1-2, 11-32)
<b>2b.2 Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?</b>	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Psalm 8 (extracts)	
<b>2b.3 How can following God bring freedom and justice?</b>	Moses: Birth narrative, Exodus 2:1-10 The killing of the taskmaster and fleeing Egypt, Exodus 2:11-15 Burning bush, Exodus 3:1 – Exodus 4:17 The ten plagues, Exodus 7:14 – Exodus 12:32 (select	Selected commandments in Leviticus and Deuteronomy Exodus 20:13 Leviticus 19:9-10, 18; 23:6-7 Deuteronomy 6:5, 16; 12:5; 14:4-8, 19; 15:11; 16:16; 23:23	Matthew 22:27-40 Genesis 12:1-3 (Agreements between God and his people) Matthew 5:13-16 (Going further: Genesis 25:21-28; Genesis 37:1-8 which leads to Genesis 41; 1 Samuel 10:17-26; 2 Samuel 5:1-7; 1 Kings 6:1-14; Daniel 1)

	appropriate parts for your class) Leading the children of Israel out of Egypt, Exodus 12:33-42 Crossing the Reed Sea, Exodus 14:1-31 and you could also use Exodus 15:1-20 Covenant at Sinai, This text is very long, so use Exodus 19:3-6 and Exodus 20:1-21		
<b>2b.4 Was Jesus the Messiah?</b>	Messianic prophecies: Isaiah 7:14, 9:1-2, 6-7; and 11:1-5 Micah 5:2 Matthew 1:18-24, 2:1-12	Matthew 21:1-9 The Transfiguration Matthew 17:1-13 or Luke 9:28-36	Matthew 21:5 is a direct quote from Zechariah 9:9
<b>2b.5 What would Jesus do?</b>	Matthew 7: 24-27 Matthew 5-7 Luke 7:1-10	Peter's betrayal and restoration: John 13:34-38, 18:15-18, 25-27; John 21:1-19 Mark 11: 15-19. John 8:1-11	Matthew 22:36-40 Revelation 21:4 – the Christian hope of heaven
<b>2b.6 What did Jesus do to save human beings?</b>	Last days of Jesus' life, from Last Supper, e.g. Mark 14-15	Isaiah 53:1-12 John 19:16-42	2 Corinthians 4:16-17 Acts 7
<b>2b.7 What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?</b>	Luke 24:1-49 (alternative: John 20:1-29)	Funeral verses: John 3:16, 11:25-26, 14:2-3; Luke 23:43	Matthew 27:62-28:20 (to be compared with Luke 24:1-49) Revelation 21:4 1 Corinthians 15:13-14
<b>2b.8 What kind of King is Jesus?</b>	Parables of the Kingdom Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4 Lord's prayer Luke 14:12-24 The Feast Matthew 21: 33-46 The Tenants in the Vineyard	Matthew 18:21-35 The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant	
<b>3.1 If God is Trinity, what does that mean for Christians?</b>	Psalms 104:5-14 Romans 5:6-8 Galatians 5:22-23		
<b>3.2 Should Christians be greener than everyone else?</b>	Genesis 1:1-2:3 Genesis 2:4-9,15-25	Genesis 1:28 (also whole of Genesis 1 and 2)	

		Luke 12:27-28, Psalm 14:1, Deuteronomy 20:19 (from resource booklet)	
<b>3.3 Why are people good and bad?</b>	Genesis 1:1-2:25 Romans 8:38-39 Isiah 43:1-2 Psalm 23	Genesis 3, the Fall (to be compared with 1 and 2) Romans 5:12-14, (from resource booklet)	
<b>3.4 Does the world need prophets today?</b>	Amos 5:6-24 and 8:4-10 Isiah 2:1-5	Matthew 5:1-17, Jesus as a prophet Revelation 21:1-22:6 Proverbs 29:18	
<b>3.5 What do we do when life gets hard?</b>	Job chapters 1, 2, 21, 38, and 40 (specifically 1:1, 21:7-13, 9:15-19, 13:3, 16:6, 19:6, 23:3-15, 30:16-19, 24:5)	Wisdom from the book of Proverbs Romans 12:9-21 Ecclesiastes 2:1-3:13	
<b>3.6 Why do Christians believe Jesus is God on earth</b>	Exodus 3:14 'I am' statements in John - 6:35, 48, 51, 8:12, 9:5, 10:7, 9, 10:11, 14, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1 'Signs' in John - 2:1-12, 4:46-54, 5:1-15, 6:1-15, 6:16-21, 9:1-7, 11:1-3 and 17-44	Philippians 2:5-11 Colossians 1:15-20 (Matthew 26:41, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Psalm 139:13-15, Colossians 3:12-14 - from resource booklet)	
<b>3.7 What's so radical about Jesus?</b>	Mark 2:15-17 - Jesus comes to the sick, not the healthy Alternative text: Matthew 23:1-12 - Jesus and the religious leaders	Mark 11:15-19 - Jesus in the temple Alternative text: Luke 4:16-21 - Jesus' 'manifesto' announcement Exodus 22:25 - Christians and money	