



Religious Studies Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: 7

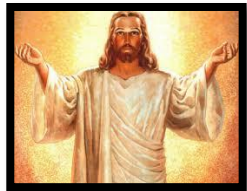
Topic: Christian and Muslim Beliefs

Half Term: Autumn One

Key Terms

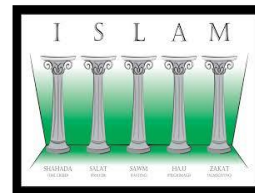
Monotheism	A religion which only practices belief in one god.
Parable	A short story which has a message to teach people right and wrong.
Pilgrimage	A journey to a sacred place, usually linked to religion.
Shahadah	A declaration of faith in Islam.
Salat	The requirement to pray five times a day in Islam.
Zakat	The giving of a percentage of earnings to charity.
Sawm	Fasting during the month of Ramadan.
Hajj	The requirement to go on pilgrimage to Mecca
Bible	The Christian holy book.
Quran	The Muslim holy book.

Christianity is an example of a religion which practices monotheism. Christians believe that although there is only one God, he reveals himself in three ways: God the father who created the world, God the son who saved humanity by dying on the cross and rising from the dead and God the Holy Spirit the invisible force of God which is responsible for washing away the sin when a baby is baptised.



Christians believe that Jesus came to earth to teach people about God and right and wrong. He did this through the telling of stories, called parables. Some examples of these include The Good Samaritan and The Prodigal Son. These stories gave examples of right and wrong. Christians also believe that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of humanity.

Islam is another example of a religion which practices monotheism. Muslims believe that it would be wrong to create an image of God. A key belief of Islam is the Five Pillars. These are five key actions which a Muslim must undertake. They are: making a statement of faith, praying five times a day, giving money to charity, fasting and undertaking a pilgrimage to Mecca.



People of many different religions decide to go on a pilgrimage. Some people have only one opportunity to do this in their lifetime and have to save for years to be able to afford it. A Christian may go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, a Muslim may go on pilgrimage to Mecca and a Hindu may go on pilgrimage to the River Ganges. Religious believers undertake pilgrimages for many different reasons, such as to visit a place where they believe a miracle happened.

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...He saw that it was good."



Religious Teachings

"And proclaim that the people shall observe Hajj pilgrimage."



Suggested Reading

- *Amina's voice* by Hena Khan



- *Just Under the Clouds* by Melissa Sarno