



Religious Studies Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: 7
Topic: Is Anybody There?
Half Term: Spring One

<u>Key Terms</u>	
Monotheism	A religion which only practices belief in one god.
Theist	A person who believes in God..
Agnostic	A person who is unsure whether or not they believe in God.
Atheist	A person who does not believe in God.
Omnipotent	The belief that God is all powerful.
Omnipresent	The belief that God is everywhere.
Omniscient	The belief that God is all knowing.
The Holy Trinity	The Christian belief that there is one God who works in three different ways; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
The Apostles Creed	A Christian statement of faith about God - .it sums up what they believe about God.
Qur'an	The Muslim holy book.
Brahman	The name of the Hindu God.
Atman	The Hindu term for soul or spirit

People have different beliefs about God, and some people are unsure about what they believe. Most people can identify as either a theist, an atheist or agnostic. Some people believe that suffering which happens around the world is proof that God does not exist, and others believe that God gave humanity free will and so humans are responsible for suffering and not God. Some people view miracles, such as people recovering from illness, as proof that God does exist.



Christians, Muslims and Jewish people all worship the same one God, but they have slightly different beliefs about God. Christians believe that God works in three different ways, through God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Muslims believe that God is special and like nothing else in existence. They believe that it is wrong to create an image of God. Jewish people say that God is neither male or female, and punishes bad people and rewards good people.

It has been suggested that developments in science have affected whether or not people believe in God. For example, most people now accept scientific explanations for the creation of the Earth, illnesses and cures for illnesses. However, some people still believe that miracles can happen because of God. God features in many religious stories, such as the Story of Job, where he is tested by the Devil but stays true to God.



Hindus believe in one God called Brahman, but they believe that Brahman has many forms. Hindus believe that Brahman is present in everyone and everything as the atman. The three main aspects of Brahman are Brahma the creator, Vishnu the preserver and Shiva the destroyer. Hindus believe that God will sometimes appear on earth, particularly if human behaviour is being influenced more by evil than good.

“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go..”

Religious Teachings

“Whoever fears Allah , Allah will find a way out for him (from every difficulty) and He will provide for him from sources that he could never have imagined.”

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Suggested Reading

- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

