

Religious Education: Key Questions Overview

	FS (Discovering)	KS1 (Exploring)	Lower KS2 (Connecting)	Upper KS2 (Connecting)
Religion/belief	Christianity plus others	Christians, Jews and Muslims	Christians, Muslims, Hindus and Jews	
Christianity: <i>God</i> <i>Creation</i> <i>Fall</i> <i>People of God</i> <i>Incarnation</i> <i>Gospel</i> <i>Salvation</i> <i>Kingdom of God</i>	F1 Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians? [God] F2 Why is Christmas special for Christians? [Incarnation] F3 Why is Easter special for Christians? [Salvation]	1.1 What do Christians believe God is like? [God] 1.2 Who do Christians say made the world? [Creation] 1.3 Why does Christmas matter to Christians? [Incarnation] 1.4 What is the 'good news' Christians believe Jesus brings? [Gospel] 1.5 Why does Easter matter to Christians? [Salvation]	L2.1 What do Christians learn from the creation story? [Creation/Fall] L2.2 What is it like for someone to follow God? [People of God] L2.3 What is the 'Trinity' and why is it important for Christians? [God/Incarnation] L2.4 What kind of world did Jesus want? [Gospel] L2.5 Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? [Salvation] L2.6 For Christians, what was the impact of Pentecost? [Kingdom of God]	U2.1 What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving? [God] U2.2 Creation and science: conflicting or complementary? [Creation] U2.3 Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah? [Incarnation] U2.4 How do Christians decide how to live? 'What would Jesus do?' [Gospel] U2.5 What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people? [Salvation] U2.6 For Christians, what kind of king is Jesus? [Kingdom of God]
Buddhism: <i>Buddha</i> <i>Dhamma</i> <i>Sangha</i>				
Hinduism: <i>Samsara and moksha</i> <i>Brahman (God) and atman</i> <i>Karma and dharma</i>			L2.7 What do Hindus believe God is like? [Brahman/atman] L2.8 What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today? [Dharma]	U2.7 Why do Hindus want to be good? [Karma/dharma/samsara/moksha]
Islam: <i>God/Tawhid</i> <i>Iman (faith)</i> <i>Ibadah (worship)</i> <i>Akhirah (life after death)</i> <i>Akhlaq (virtue/morality)</i>		1.6 Who is a Muslim and how do they live? [God/Tawhid/ibadah/iman]	L2.9 How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim? [Ibadah]	U2.8 What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? [Tawhid/iman/ibadah]

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Judaism: God Torah The People and the Land		1.7 Who is Jewish and how do they live? [God/Torah/People]	L2.10 How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people? [God/Torah/People/the Land]	U2.9 Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people? [God/Torah]
Sikhism: God Values (Nam Simran, kirat karna, vand chhakna, seva) The Gurus Panth (community)				
Non-religious worldviews				U2.10 What matters most to Humanists and Christians?
Thematic	F4 Being special: where do we belong?	1.8 What makes some places sacred to believers?	L2.11 How and why do people mark the significant events of life?	U2.11 Why do some people believe in God and some people not?
	F5 Which places are special and why?	1.9 How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter?	L2.12 How and why do people try to make the world a better place?	U2.12 How does faith help when life gets hard?
	F6 Which stories are special and why?	1.10 What does it mean to belong to a faith community?		
				Note: For Church schools, two additional units are provided in the Understanding Christianity materials: How can following God bring freedom and justice? [People of God] What difference does the Resurrection make for Christians? [Salvation]