

The Big Question:
Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?
How can we care for our wonderful world?

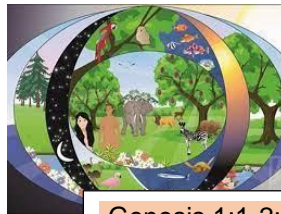
Key Vocabulary:

Jesus	Son of God
God	Precious / Holy
Miracle	A wonderful event not possible without God
Christian	A believer in God
Bible	A Christian's holy book
Church	A place of worship
Commandment	A holy rule
Harvest	Festival of thanks to God the creator and provider

Things to remember:

Christians believe:





- God is 'the Father almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, who created the world from nothing.
- God is eternal and has no beginning or end.
- God's creation is awesome – full of beauty.
- God is King of the universe, above all else. His name should be respected and hallowed (kept holy).





Genesis 1:1-2:4 In the beginning, God created the universe



Matthew 13:45-46 Jesus' parable of the precious pearl

Where do Christians worship God?		-Christians can pray in any place, but the most common location is in a purpose-built building called a church. Churches can be very different – old, new, plain or highly decorated. Often, the floor plans of churches are shaped in a cross. -Church services often include hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible. -Common church features include altar tables, lecturns, pulpits, fonts and stained glass windows.
What is the Bible?		The Bible is the holy book of Christians. It contains the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament is similar to the Jewish Bible and was written before Jesus' birth. The New Testament contains stories about Jesus, written by those who knew him.
How do Christians believe that people should live their lives?		-Christians believe that people should be compassionate to one another, and show respect to God, themselves and one another. -Christians believe that praying to God helps them to say sorry for the things that they have done wrong, and thank them for the blessings given to them. -Christians believe that God wants them to carry on the good work that Jesus did in the world.
How many different types of Christians are there?		-There are many different denominations (types) of Christians. All Christians were once Catholics, but other groups branched off many years ago. -The biggest Christian denomination is still Catholicism. To Catholics, the Pope is Christ's representative on earth. Other major groups include Protestants (including Anglican/ Church of England faiths) and Orthodox.

Christian Beliefs	
 <p>God's Creation</p> <p>-Christians believe that God created the Earth and everything in it in 6 days, resting on the 7th.</p> <p>-The story of creation tells Christians that at first everything was dark, until God intervened and created matter.</p> <p>-Details about this are found in the Bible in Genesis 1 and 2.</p>	 <p>The Holy Trinity</p> <p>-Christians believe that God can be seen in three ways, known as the Holy Trinity:</p> <p>-The Father – Creator of the world; -The Son – Who came to Earth as Jesus; -The Holy Spirit – God's power within Christians.</p>
<p>The Ten Commandments</p> <p>-In the Bible, ten 'commandments' are shared, which Christians should aim to live their lives by:</p> <p>1.You shall have no other Gods but me. 2. You shall not make for yourself any idol. 3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. 4. You shall remember and keep the Sabbath day holy. 5. Respect your father and mother. 6. You must not commit murder. 7. You must not commit adultery. 8. You must not steal. 9.You must not give false evidence against your neighbour. 10. You must not be envious of your neighbour's goods.</p> 