

Key vocabulary

God	The creator of the universe and all that is in it, including people and animals.
Christian	Someone who believes in Jesus and follows his teachings.
Parable	A simple story that teaches people a lesson.
Prodigal	Spending money recklessly (without thought).
Generous	Giving more.
Trinity	The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in one God.
Forgiveness	Saying "that's okay, I forgive you. We can start again".

Sequence of learning

What is the hidden meaning in the story of 'The Lost Son'?

What do Christians believe God is like?

How do Christians show that they love God?

What happens in school/home if you do something wrong?

What are the different types of prayer?

Is forgiving only important for Christians or for other people too?



Important facts

Christians believe in God, and they find out about God in the Bible.

Christians believe God is loving, kind, fair and forgiving, and also Lord and King. Some stories show these Christian beliefs.

Christians believe in God as the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Christians use the ideas from stories to help them live their lives in the way Jesus did and would have wanted them to.

A 'parable' is a story which has a hidden meaning.



Final outcome

Pupils will write a praise, sorry, thank you or please prayer for a class prayer book. A copy of the prayer book will be placed on the Worship table in the school hall to be used during Worship.

What do Christians believe God is like?

The big story of Christianity



God (The Trinity)



Creation Incarnation Gospel Salvation

Biblical links

Gospel of Luke (15:11-32)

Key skills



Identify what a parable is.
Tell the story of the Lost Son from the Bible simply, and recognise a link with the concept of God as a forgiving Father.
Give clear, simple accounts of what the story means to Christians.



Give at least two examples of a way in which Christians show their belief in God as loving and forgiving; for example, by saying sorry; by seeing God as welcoming them back; by forgiving others.
Give an example of how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship; by saying sorry to God, for example.



Think, talk and ask questions about whether they can learn anything from the story for themselves, exploring different ideas.