

Key end points for this Christianity unit on Jesus as an example:

- Practising Christians believe in the Holy Trinity God – the idea that God is represented in three forms.
- Jesus is viewed as the incarnation of God on earth given as a sacrifice to save the sins of humanity in Christianity.
- God is viewed as forgiving for many Christians.
- Jesus set an example of how Christians should live their lives through forgiveness, generosity and humility.

This unit explores a central concept in Christianity—Jesus as the most significant and respected human figure. Building on the Year 3 unit Jesus as an Inspiration, where children learned about the Trinity (One God in three forms), this unit deepens their understanding of Jesus as God in human form.

Children will examine the teachings and actions of Jesus and how they serve as a framework for Christian living. They will connect this to their prior learning, including:

- Parables (Year 2)
- Symbolism of Jesus as hope and inspiration (Year 3)

Key terms such as temptation, incarnation, and stewardship will be revisited, alongside qualities already introduced—love, forgiveness, humility, and generosity (through the Beatitudes). Children will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and reflect personally on the themes within this unit whilst also considering Christian approaches to these too.

This unit focuses on the impact of Jesus' life on Christianity. Children will explore:

- Christian belief in the relationship between Jesus and God
- The idea that, for many Christians, following Jesus' example is a direct connection to God (through the Holy Trinity)

Prior knowledge from the Year 4 Holy Trinity unit will support their learning in this unit.

Throughout the RE curriculum, children will continue reflecting on their learning. Teachers should foster an environment of respect where students feel comfortable sharing perspectives, regardless of religious background.

This unit offers children an opportunity to make personal connections to key Christian values. They will explore themes such as these:

- Forgiveness – When have you forgiven someone?
- Generosity – When have you experienced someone's generosity?
- Humility – When have you acted with humility?

Lesson sequence

In **lesson one** children will revisit the concept of the Holy Trinity, first introduced in Year 3. They will recall that Christians believe God exists in three forms:

- God the Father – God in heaven
- God the Son – God in human form (Jesus), known as the Incarnation
- God the Holy Spirit – The spiritual connection to God

The lesson focuses on deepening children's understanding of Jesus as God in human form and how his life serves as an example for Christians.

In **lesson two** children will explore how Jesus' responses to situations provide guidance for Christian living. They will learn that, for practising Christians, Jesus represents what it means to be fully human and made in God's image.

Through Bible examples, such as Jesus experiencing anger and suffering, students will reflect on their own responses to similar emotions. Reflection prompts will encourage personal connections, such as:

- What helps you when you experience anger?
- What could Christians learn from Jesus' example?

In **lesson three**, building on previous learning, this lesson examines Jesus' teachings on forgiveness. Children will explore its importance through key events, such as Jesus asking for forgiveness for those who crucified him. Despite facing what Christians see as a great tragedy, Jesus' example encourages forgiveness for those who have wronged us, reinforcing the belief that God loves all. Through discussion and reflection, children will consider how forgiveness plays a role in their own lives.

For **lesson four**, children will focus on generosity, expanding their understanding of this to include compassion and acts of kindness. Children will examine examples from Jesus' life that highlight this virtue and explore how generosity is a key principle for Christian charities worldwide, such as The Salvation Army. By reflecting on acts of generosity they have experienced, children will deepen their understanding of its significance in daily life.

In **lesson five**, children will revisit familiar Bible stories—such as the Nativity, Palm Sunday, and the Last Supper—but with a focus on humility. For example, despite being called the King of Kings by Christians, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, showing that God values humility over pride or arrogance. Through discussion, children will reflect on how humility shapes relationships and personal character.

In **lesson six**, to assess children's understanding, children can use a knowledge organiser, complete a quiz and complete an extended piece of writing to demonstrate their understanding of Jesus as God in human form and the values he exemplified, including forgiveness, generosity, and humility.

Using Bible quotes and parables, children will:

- Explain how Jesus serves as an example for Christians
- Present their personal reflections on these values and their relevance to their own lives

Teachers are encouraged to consider the best way for children to show what they know and adapt the suggested assessment tasks as needed.

The key concepts: The Holy Trinity, incarnation, stewardship, temptation

Key terms: Saviour, generosity, forgiveness, humility