

Year 3

What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?
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Progression in Skill:

Describe two things that Christians do to show their faith, making connections to a Christian belief or teaching for each.

Describe how one hymn or song shows specific Christians beliefs or teaching.

Describe two things that might be hard or a challenge about being a Christian.

Give reasons why Christians and others help other people.

Note similarities and differences between the reasons that religious people and non-religious people give for helping people.

Describe an example of a Christian you have studied who helped others by his or her actions and suggest why they did this.

Long-term Memory Knowledge:

A Christian might have evidence of their faith in their home: cross, Bible, music, etc.

Christians will demonstrate their religion in particular ways: prayers, Bible reading saying Grace, etc.

The church is the hub of the Christian community and more than just Sunday services happen there: Scouts, toddler groups, food banks, etc.

It might be easier to be a Christian in Britain than a follower of another religion as Christianity is the main religion in the UK.

Key Vocabulary

community	a group of people with a shared interest or purpose
worship	expression of religious belief
faith	belief in a religion
grace	offering thanks
crèche	group for babies/small children
Anglican	the Church of England; a Protestant church that recognises the monarch as the head of the church
Baptist	another Protestant church
Catholic	another form of Christianity that recognises the Pope as God's representative

Progression in Resources:

Artefacts: cross/crucifix, Bible, etc.

A visit to/from St Stephens and another church to find out about their communities

Relevance

Now	Children know that people own things and act in particular ways as a result of their religion.
Future	Children respect the religious communities – and the associated behaviours and beliefs – of others.
Aspiration	Children are able to play an active role in their community – religious or otherwise – knowing others will respect their actions.

National Curriculum Links:

Describe some examples of what Christians do to show their faith, and make connections with some Christian beliefs and teachings.

Describe some ways in which Christians express their faith through hymns and modern worship songs.

Suggest at least two reasons why being a Christian is a good thing in Britain today, and two reasons why it might be hard sometimes.

Discuss links between the actions of Christians in helping others and ways in which people of other faiths and beliefs, including pupils themselves, help others.

Essential Prior Learning:

Christianity is the main religion in Britain today, i.e. more people living in Britain follow Christianity than any other religion, although there are people living in Britain who follow other religions.

Christians believe in one God and that Jesus is his son.

Christians worship in a church and the Bible is their religious text.