



Ideas about God

RE
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Overview

During this unit, pupils will further their understanding of the nature of God, His characteristics and His relationship with people. Throughout the Bible, God is given many names: Elohim – strong creator; Yahweh – I am; Elshaddei – God Almighty; Jehovah Jireh – the Lord will provide. Pupils will discuss what we can learn about God from the names He is given. They will also investigate how Christian beliefs about the nature and characteristics of God are reflected in their worship. They will begin to unpack the complex idea of the Trinity, using symbols from Christian Celtic Spirituality. Pupils will also learn about Jewish beliefs about God, how these beliefs affect their daily life and how Jews celebrate the rite of passage into adulthood (Bar/Bat Mitzvah).



Questions I wonder about God:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **Analyse** - distinguish between opinion, belief and fact; distinguish between the features of different religions.
- **Investigate** - ask relevant questions; know how to use different types of sources as a way of gathering information; know what may constitute evidence for understanding religions.
- **Reflect** - on feelings, relationships, experience, ultimate questions, beliefs and practices
- **Apply** - make the association between religions and individual community, national and international life; identify key religious values and their interplay with secular ones

Topic Vocabulary

celtic: a type of spirituality practised by Christians in 4th century Ireland and spread to Scotland, Wales and England during Anglo Saxon times

Judaism: the religion practised by Jews, who believe in one God (**Yahweh**)

Bar/Bat Mitzvah: Jewish religious ritual and family celebration as a child enters religious adulthood

Synagogue: a building in which Jews meet for religious worship or instruction

Torah: : in Judaism, the law of God as revealed to Moses and recorded in the first five books of the Hebrew scriptures (the Pentateuch)

Trinity: the three persons of the Christian Godhead; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Religious vocabulary

Believe: accept that something is true

God the Father: in Christianity, God is addressed as Father because of his active interest in human affairs, as a father would care for his children who are dependent on him, acting in their best interests

Holy Spirit: the 3rd person of the Trinity, who does the works of God; He was involved in creation, writing the Bible, the conception of Christ and the salvation of believers

Incarnation: the Christian belief that Jesus Christ is God in a human body