



Pentecost – What happened next?

RE
Year 5
Summer Term

Overview

During this unit, pupils will gain an understanding of the lives and resilience of the early Christians. They will investigate the significance of the life of St Paul and the concept of mission. They will learn about how Christianity spread around the world and came to Britain.

They will revisit how the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples during the Feast of Pentecost and how this led to the spread of Christianity. The conversion of St Paul and his subsequent visits and letters to Churches contributed to this development of Christianity. Christian beliefs travelled from the Mediterranean across Europe and eventually to Britain through missionaries such as Columba of Iona, Aidan of Lindisfarne and St Augustine. Missionary work continues today and pupils will investigate the work of a number of missionary societies, such as The Church Missionary Society



Questions I wonder
about the spread of
Christianity:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **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
- **Empathise** - consider the thoughts, feelings, experiences, attitudes, beliefs and values of others; develop the power of imagination to identify feelings such as love, wonder, forgiveness and sorrow; see the world through the eyes of others
- **Express** - explain concepts and practices; identify and articulate matters of deep conviction and concern; respond to religious issues through a variety of media

Topic Vocabulary

conversion: *the process of changing or causing something to change from one form to another; changing one's religion or beliefs*

epistle: *letter; a book of the New Testament in the form of a letter from an Apostle*

mission: *an important assignment given to a person or group of people, typically involving travel abroad; the vocation or calling of a religious organization, to go out into the world and spread its faith*

New Testament: *the second part of the Christian Bible, written originally in Greek and recording the life and teachings of Christ and his earliest followers*

Pentecost: *the Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus*

Saul/Paul: *an Apostle (although not one of the Twelve Apostles) who taught the Gospel of Christ to the first-century world*

Religious vocabulary

church: *a group of Christians; a building used for public Christian worship*

disciple: *a follower or pupil of a teacher, leader, or philosopher; a personal follower of Jesus Christ*