

Believing

Year: 3 Term: 3 and 4

Key question: What do people believe about God?

- There are different ways in which we show trust and faith in our everyday lives.
- In different ways, religions name and describe the features and characteristics of God, with a particular focus on how Christians think of God as Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the 99 Names of Allah; or Hindu beliefs about the Trimurti - Brahma (creator), Vishnu (preserver), Shiva (destroyer).
- Ideas about God are shown in stories and narratives to help to understand God's relationship with people, e.g. the story of Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1-15), Jonah (book of Jonah in the Old Testament); Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11); Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21) and Paul's conversion (Acts 9:1-19); stories Jesus told which teach about God e.g. the parable of the Lost Son (or the Forgiving Father) (Luke 15:11-32).
- There are similarities and differences between varied ideas about God and the influence believing in God has on the lives of believers and how it affects their personal worldviews.
- Many people do not believe in God and reflect on pupils' own questions and ideas about God in light of their learning

Vocabulary

Christian	People who follow Christianity, based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.
Hindu	A person who believes in one supreme God who created everything and contains every characteristic in the universe.
Muslim	A person who believes there is one true God Allah (the Arabic word for God).
Trinity	A way of describing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. God is described as God the Father because people believe that God is the creator of everything, and Lord over all the universe.
Allah	Allah is the main word for "God." Muslims use 99 Names of God to describe God, but "Allah" is the most common of these and means all of them.
Quran	The holy book of Islam.
Brahma	The creator of the world and all creatures.
Vishnu	The preserver god, which means he protects the earth from being destroyed and keeps it going.
Shiva	One of the main deities of Hinduism.



Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva

Key Questions:

- 'Seeing is Believing' - is it? What do I think about believing in God?
- What do Christians believe about God?
- Why do Christians say 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' for God?
- What happened in the stories of Moses and the Burning Bush and Saint Paul's conversion?
- What do the stories tell us about God in Christianity?
- What do Muslims believe about Allah?
- What do Muslims believe about the Holy Quran?
- How do Hindu people show what they believe about gods and goddesses?
- Why are three of the gods of the Hindu way especially important?
- What is a humanist and what codes for living do non-religious people use?
- What are the similarities and differences between different ideas about God?
- What have we learned about ideas of God from different religions?



The Holy Trinity