

# Believing

## Year: 4 Term: 1 and 2

### Key question: Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?

We will be exploring what makes a person inspirational to others and identifying characteristics of a good role model.

Make some connections as you explore creatively some words and actions of Jesus which continue to inspire Christians today.

Use the events of Holy Week and Easter to find out why Jesus is so important to Christians today and explore how the events of Holy Week are celebrated by Christians, e.g. Palm Sunday, waving palms; Maundy Thursday, washing feet; sorrow of Good Friday services; darkness in churches on Saturday; light and joy of Easter Day.

Explore the question: why do Christians call Good Friday 'good'? Include the terms incarnation (Jesus as God as a human being) and salvation (Christians believe that Jesus' death and resurrection open up a way for people to be forgiven and get close to God).

Find out about the impact that believing in Jesus can have on a Christian's life and how Jesus has inspired some examples of contemporary inspirational Christians, e.g. how Christians show gratitude to Jesus for saving them and dealing with sin and death and bringing forgiveness - by prayer, worship, giving generously, telling other people about Jesus, caring for others.

Introduce the belief that Christians cannot be completely good and so they rely on the Holy Spirit to help them follow Jesus and be more like him

### Vocabulary

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| inspirational | something that makes someone want to do something or that gives someone an idea about what to do or create : a force or influence that inspires someone.                                         |
| incarnation   | The incarnation is the Christian belief that God took human form by becoming Jesus.                                                                                                              |
| Holy Spirit   | The Holy Spirit is the one who speaks to people's hearts and helps them know they should receive Jesus as their Savior.                                                                          |
| gratitude     | Appreciating the person or thing that did something good for you or made you feel happy.                                                                                                         |
| beatitudes    | The Beatitudes are a list of blessings from God. The Beatitudes start off a section in Matthew called the Sermon on the Mount. Chapters 5-7 of Matthew record many teachings, or words of Jesus. |
| salvation     | Salvation is another word for getting "right" with God. Some people believe that they get saved when they believe in Jesus.                                                                      |



Holy Spirit

### Key Questions:

- What does the word 'inspiring' mean? Who is inspiring?
- What do we know about Jesus' life story? Is his story inspiring for some people?
- Was Jesus inspiring because of his actions?
- What did Jesus teach? Was he a good teacher? Was he an inspiring teacher?
- Did Jesus' teachings inspire people? How and why?
- Who did Jesus say he was? Why is he so important to Christians?
- Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday' and the following Sunday his Resurrection day?
- Is Jesus still important today? Why? Who to? How does it show?
- What kind of image of Jesus for the 21st Century would pupils like to create? Might it be inspiring to others?
- Does being inspired by Jesus make a person stronger?
- Who is inspiring for me? Who is inspiring for other children in my class?

