

Understanding Christianity

Learning objective: To understand key beliefs, practices, and symbols of the Christian faith.

Read the passage carefully. Use the information provided to answer the questions in full sentences.

Leo the lion loves visiting old buildings, and today he is visiting a grand cathedral. He learns that Christianity is one of the world's largest religions. Christians believe in one God and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. They read these teachings in the Bible, which is their holy book.

Leo notices a large cross on the wall. He is told that the cross is a very important symbol because it reminds Christians of Jesus' death and his resurrection, which is celebrated during Easter.

Leo also discovers that Jesus often taught people using parables. Parables are short, simple stories used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, such as being kind to strangers. Many Christians go to church on Sundays to pray, sing hymns, and think about how to live a good life. By following the 'Golden Rule'—treating others as you would like to be treated—Christians aim to show love and compassion to everyone in their community.

Word bank: Parable · Cathedral · Crucifixion · Resurrection · Scripture

1. What is the name of the holy book used by Christians? (1 mark)

2. According to the text, when do many Christians go to church to pray and sing? (1 mark)

3. Why is the cross considered an important symbol for Christians? (2 marks)

4. Based on the description of parables, why do you think Jesus used stories instead of just giving a list of rules? (2 marks)

5. Do you think the 'Golden Rule' is a helpful way to live? Explain why or why not using an example. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the lion standing inside the cathedral, including a cross and a Bible in your drawing.



Extension challenge: Research one other Christian festival besides Easter and write two sentences explaining how it is celebrated.