

Christian Beliefs and Practices

Learning objective: To identify and explain key beliefs and practices within Christianity, including the significance of the Bible and community worship.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Use full sentences where appropriate.

Christianity is a monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. The sacred text for Christians is the Bible, which is divided into two main parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The New Testament focuses on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, which is central to the Christian faith.

For many Christians, Sunday is a special day for communal worship. They gather in churches to pray, sing hymns, and listen to sermons delivered by a vicar, priest, or minister. During these services, they often read passages from the Gospels to learn how to follow Jesus's example of love and kindness. Beyond the church building, Christians aim to put their faith into action by serving others and working for justice in their local communities. Whether through charity work or simple acts of kindness, many believe that being a Christian involves caring for all people, reflecting the values of compassion and forgiveness that Jesus taught during his ministry.

Word bank: denomination · gospel · community · worship · sacred · testament

1. What are the two main parts of the Bible mentioned in the text? (2 marks)

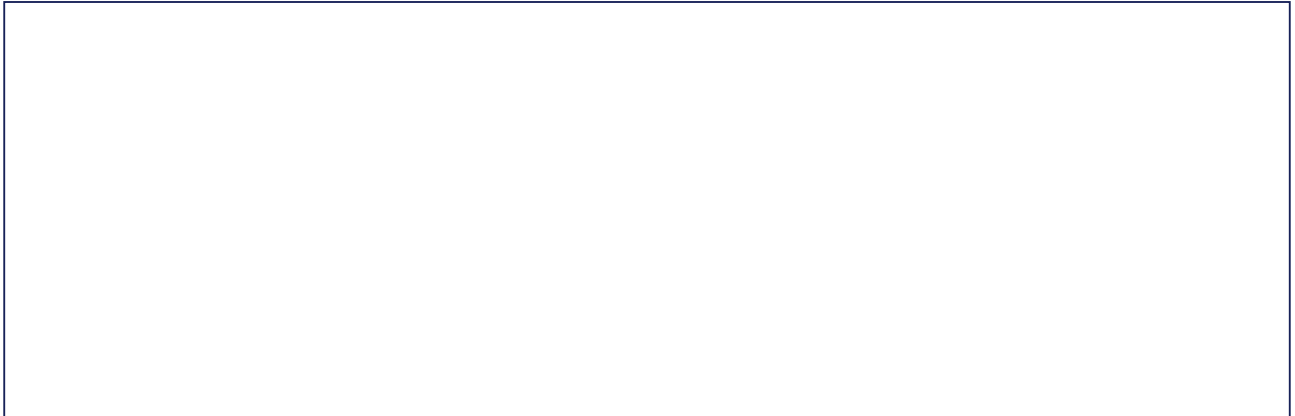
2. According to the passage, what activities might take place during a Sunday church service? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the author mentions that Christians try to help their local communities? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, what might be the significance of the New Testament for a Christian? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think it is important for religious groups to have a place where they can gather together? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a church community hall or a scene showing people helping others in their neighbourhood, reflecting the values of kindness and service.



Extension challenge: Research one Christian festival, such as Christmas or Easter, and write a paragraph explaining why it is significant to Christians.