

Exploring Christian Beliefs and Practices

Learning objective: To understand the core beliefs of Christianity, including the concept of the Trinity, the importance of the Bible, and the significance of key rituals like baptism.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of Christian beliefs to provide detailed answers. Think about the significance of symbols and rituals in the lives of believers.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about world religions and wants to know more about Christianity. Christians believe in one God, but they understand God as three persons in one: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. This concept is known as the Trinity. They look to the Bible for guidance on how to live their lives, and many participate in rituals such as baptism to show their commitment to their faith.

Word bank: Trinity · Bible · Baptism · Father · Son · Holy Spirit · Covenant · Disciples · Worship · Sacrament

1. Explain what Christians mean by the 'Trinity' and identify the three parts that make it up. (2 marks)

2. Why is the Bible considered a central and authoritative text for Christians? (2 marks)

3. Describe the ritual of baptism. What does it symbolise for a person joining the Christian faith? (3 marks)

4. Max the monkey is trying to solve a puzzle about Christian worship. Why might a Christian choose to attend a church service on a Sunday? (2 marks)

5. If a Christian wanted to live by the 'Great Commandment' (to love your neighbour as yourself), give two practical examples of how they might show this in their daily life. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbol that represents the Trinity, such as a triangle or a triquetra, and label the three parts of the Godhead around the outside.



Extension challenge: Research a Christian festival, such as Easter or Christmas. Write a short paragraph explaining the religious story behind the festival and one way that Christians celebrate it.