

Christianity: Beliefs, Traditions, and Community

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of core Christian beliefs, the importance of the Bible, and how faith is expressed through community and celebration.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where required. Ensure your responses demonstrate your knowledge of Christian teachings and traditions.

Christianity is a global faith rooted in the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Christians believe in one God, expressed as the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Bible is the holy book, divided into the Old and New Testaments, which guides their lives and actions. Through prayer, worship in a church, and living by the teachings of Jesus, such as the Golden Rule, Christians aim to show kindness and love to others. Important festivals, such as Christmas and Easter, celebrate key events in the life of Jesus.

Word bank: Incarnation · Trinity · Gospel · Sacrament · Advent · Easter · Community · Parable · Worship · Disciples

1. Name the three parts of the Trinity as believed by Christians. (1 mark)

2. Explain what a 'parable' is and why Jesus used them to teach his followers. (2 marks)

3. Identify two significant festivals in the Christian calendar and briefly describe what each celebrates. (4 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the way a Christian might show their faith at home versus how they show it within their church community. (4 marks)

5. Justify why many Christians consider the Bible to be more than just a historical book, but a 'living guide' for their daily life. (4 marks)

6. Explain the significance of the 'Incarnation' and why this concept is central to the Christian faith. (5 marks)

7. What might happen if a community of Christians stopped gathering for weekly worship? Explain your reasoning. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbol often used in Christianity (such as a cross, a dove, or a candle) and annotate your drawing to explain what the symbol represents to believers.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension Task: Write a short, reflective poem or diary entry from the perspective of one of the early disciples, describing their experience of hearing Jesus teach for the very first time. Use at least three words from the word bank in your writing.