

Christianity: Symbols, Parables, and Beliefs

Learning objective: To understand core Christian concepts including the significance of the Trinity, the message of the Good Samaritan, and the importance of symbols within the faith.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of Christian teachings to provide detailed, thoughtful answers.

Ellie the elephant has been visiting local places of worship to learn about Christianity. She has discovered that Christians believe in one God who exists as three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. She also learned that Jesus taught his followers through stories called parables, which carry important moral lessons about how to treat others in our community.

Word bank: Trinity · Parable · Compassion · Crucifix · Father · Son · Holy Spirit · Neighbor · Forgiveness

1. Explain what the term 'Trinity' means to Christians. Why is this a complex concept to describe? (2 marks)

2. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, who did the Samaritan help? What does this story teach Christians about the meaning of the word 'neighbor'? (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the meaning of a plain cross with a crucifix. Why might a Christian choose one over the other for reflection? (3 marks)

4. Justify why Christians might choose to attend church on a Sunday. How does this communal gathering support their faith? (2 marks)

5. If a person acts with 'compassion' in a school setting, how would their actions reflect the teachings of Jesus? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbol that represents one of the Christian values discussed (such as peace, love, or the Trinity) and label the parts of your drawing to explain the symbolism.



Extension challenge: Write a short, modern-day parable that teaches a lesson about kindness in your own school. What might happen if the main character in your story chose not to show forgiveness to someone who hurt their feelings? Justify the importance of empathy in your narrative.