

Christianity: Beliefs and Practices Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand the core beliefs, sacred texts, and traditions of Christianity and reflect on their significance.

Use this fact-file to organise your research on Christianity. You may use your class textbook or reliable religious education resources to find the information. Ensure your explanations are clear and use accurate terminology.

Word bank: Bible · New Testament · Old Testament · Jesus Christ · Trinity · Disciples · Church · Baptism · Communion · Parable · Incarnation · Resurrection

1. The Holy Book: Explain what the Bible is and why it is divided into the Old and New Testaments. What is the significance of the New Testament for Christians? (3 marks)

2. Core Beliefs: Describe the concept of the 'Trinity'. How do Christians understand the relationship between God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? (3 marks)

3. Practices and Rituals: Compare and contrast the significance of Baptism and Holy Communion. Why are these considered important sacraments in many Christian denominations? (4 marks)

4. Teachings: Choose one parable attributed to Jesus. Summarise the story and explain the moral message it provides to followers today. (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why might a Christian believe that living a life of service and charity is an essential expression of their faith? (4 marks)

6. What might happen if: Imagine a world where the teachings of the New Testament had never been written down or shared. How might this affect the development of modern charitable organisations? (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant, who has a wonderful memory for history and stories. Write a short journal entry from her perspective explaining why she finds the stories of the early disciples so inspiring. Use at least five words from the word bank in your writing.