

Christianity

Christianity is one of the five main world religions. It began after the death of Jesus.

Jesus was born a Jew and Christianity originally developed as part of Judaism.

There are a number of symbols associated with Christianity.



Key Questions

- How do Christians show they belong?
- What value does religion bring for religious people?
- How does this relate to ideas about community, identity and belonging?
- What is a rite of passage?
- Do you need to be a Christian to receive a rite of passage?

Key Vocabulary

belonging	A sense of fitting in or feeling like you are an important member of something.
Christian	People who believe that Jesus was the son of God. They practise Christianity.
The Trinity	The Three separate forms that God is known by. There is one God but He is three separate people: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
creation	The act or process of bringing something into existence.
creation story	A story that explains how the Earth and humans came into existence.
ceremony	A religious ritual where a actions are performed in a set order such as a wedding, christening or baptism.
baptism	A ceremony where someone is immersed in water, cleansed from sin and announced as a member of the church.
christening	A ceremony in which a baby is made a member of the Christian Church and is officially given his/her name.
Holy Communion	For Catholics, the Holy Communion is the first commitment made independently. They must attend lessons to prepare. During the First Holy Communion, bread and wine are symbolic gifts.
marriage	A legally recognised relationship between two people, who take part in an official ceremony and then usually live together.
funeral	A ceremony connected with the final disposition of a corpse, such as a burial or cremation, with the attendant observances.