



What do Christians believe God is like?

What I already know

With support

That Christians believe God made the world.

The Christian Christmas Story

That Jesus died and came alive again at Easter

This will be limited as this is first full year of new curriculum

Resources

Flipcharts in planning folders

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FqnSKw5uZMm> Lego Lost Son Story

Lion Storyteller Bible Lost Son

My First Bible Lost Son

Worship songs My God is a great Big God, Our God is an awesome God,

Vocabulary

Forgiveness – release feelings of anger or frustration caused by someone that has hurt you in some way by putting it behind you and moving forward in a positive way.

God the Father – The creator of the universe, The Father of all

Jesus the Son – Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God

Parable – story to teach

What I will know at the end of this unit

Identify what a parable is.

Tell the story of the Lost Son from the Bible simply, and recognise a link with the concept of God as a forgiving Father.

Give clear, simple accounts of what the story means to Christians.

Give at least two examples of a way in which Christians show their belief in God as loving and forgiving; for example, by saying sorry; by seeing God as welcoming them back; by forgiving others.

Give an example of how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship; by saying sorry to God, for example. Think, talk and ask questions about whether they can learn anything from the story for themselves, exploring different ideas.

Challenge and Support

Challenge: need deeper questioning to find out why and how Christians believe what they do and how they know what they believe. Would you believe that? Why? Is it alright to believe different things? – model safe and fair discussion and that everyone has a right to their own beliefs and thoughts – values of Respect, honesty and Fairness.

Support: role play the story, freeze frame – with support- help them to see and feel what is happening simplify the idea of something being unfair eg someone having more playtime than others... Model forgiving someone... Talk about feelings – how does it make you feel? Why? Help them to use their 'voice'

Ideas for tasks

Draw what God looks like from their own ideas and note what they think God is like to start.

The idea of only seeing part of a bigger picture – in current planning and UC module.

Watch Lego story video and read a bible story version. Lego story is very comprehensive and discusses the fact that the father was like God and God forgives those who ask for forgiveness

Freeze framing the brothers and the father – What would they be feeling or thinking? – Post its speech bubbles to explain their ideas photos or speech bubbles for books.

Watch video clips of songs with lyrics or use lyrics in our assembly songs folder. What do the words say about God? How does that tell us more about what Christians think about God?

Concepts I need to understand

A parable in the Bible is a story Jesus told to teach people what God is like.

Christians believe that God is forgiving if they are truly sorry.

He is like a good father to his children.

All people are God's children because they believe God created the world – link to EYFS teaching.

Christians sing worship songs that explain what God is like.

Reflection/Evaluation

Working Wall display

Reflection Area

Bibles marked at the page of the story
Lego/small world figures

Photos of fathers holding sons

Words from the songs

Questions (re frame for the children's understanding and not all values at once.)

Why do Christians believe God forgives them?

How does Jesus explain what God is like? Why?

How do you feel about the two brothers?

How do you see 'fairness, love, honesty, respect, growth and community in this story?

What would you do if you were the brother who stayed at home? Why?

What do Christians believe God is like? Why? How do you know?

What might a Christian do if they believe in a forgiving God?

Please use the Understanding
Christianity Booklet

