



Year 5 Religious Education – Why do Christians believe God is the Messiah?

What should I already know?

- Christians follow one God. They believe that Jesus was God's son and came to earth over 2000 years ago.
- Christians believe in the trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Christians believe Jesus was born, lived a life serving others and taught his followers about loving each other. He was crucified and died, after three days he came back to life and ascended to heaven.

Key Vocabulary and definitions

Incarnation	A person who is God in flesh
Messiah	The son of God sent to save humankind
Saviour	A person who saves someone.
Emmanuel	A Hebrew word meaning, 'God with us'
Prophet	Someone who can deliver messages from God.
Old Testament	The first part of the bible. Written about the Jewish people, the Hebrews. It is read by Jews, Christians and parts are read by Muslims.

Messages from Isaiah the Prophet about Jesus

*This will happen when the special child is born. God will give us a son who will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be "Wonderful Counsellor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace." **Isaiah 9:6***

*His power will continue to grow, and there will be peace without end. This will establish him as the king sitting on David's throne and ruling his kingdom. He will rule with goodness and justice forever and ever. The strong love that the LORD All-Powerful has for his people will make this happen! **Isaiah 9:6***

Key Information

- Other religions believe in incarnation. Hindus believe that their deities are incarnations of Brahman. They represent Brahman many characters. Jews do not believe that Jesus was the incarnation of God, the Messiah but instead a Prophet.
- Christians believe that Jesus is God incarnated as man. He is both human and God. The Old Testament prophesised that a Messiah would come. Christians believe that the Prophets gave messages about Jesus. Isaiah was a Prophet from the Old Testament and he wrote about a Messiah coming long before Jesus was born. He wrote about a child being born and ruling over his kingdom.