

Religious Education Layer 1: Overview and Key Concepts

Term		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	Religion	Christianity	Christianity	Hinduism	Judaism	Sikhism	Islam
	Big Question	Does God want Christians to look after the world?	Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?	Would celebrating Diwali at home & in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?	How special is the relationship Jews have with God?	How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion?	What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?
	Concept	Creation	Incarnation	Incarnation	Salvation	Practices and ways of life	Practices and ways of life
2	Religion	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity
	Big Question	What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?	Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus the world?	Has Christmas lost its true meaning?	What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?	Is the Christmas story true?	How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?
	Concept	Practices and ways of life	Practices and ways of life	Practices and ways of life	Practices and ways of life	Practices and ways of life	Practices and ways of life
3	Religion	Christianity	Islam	Christianity	Judaism	Sikhism	Christianity
	Big Question	Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?	Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in his/her everyday life?	Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?	How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?	Are Sikh stories important today?	Is anything ever eternal?
	Concept	Practices and ways of life	Beliefs, teachings and sources	Incarnation	Salvation	Beliefs, teachings and sources	Pilgrimage
4	Religion	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity	Christianity
	Big Question	Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday?	How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?	What is 'good' about Good Friday?	Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?	How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?	Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?
	Concept	Beliefs and Practices	Incarnation	Beliefs and Practices	Salvation	Beliefs and Practices	Prayer and worship
5	Religion	Judaism	Islam	Hinduism	Judaism	Sikhism	Islam
	Big Question	Is Shabbat important to Jewish children?	Does going to a mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?	How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?	What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?	What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?	Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?
	Concept	Belief into action	Incarnation	Beliefs and moral values	Salvation	Prayer and worship	Beliefs and practices
6	Religion	Judaism	Islam	Hinduism	Christianity	Christianity	Islam
	Big Question	Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children?	Does completing Hajj make a person a better Muslim?	Would visiting the River Ganges feel special to a non-Hindu?	Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?	What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?	Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?
	Concept	Beliefs and Practices	Incarnation	Salvation	Salvation	Beliefs and values	Beliefs and values