

Key Figures in Religious Education

Year 1

CHRISTIANITY

How is someone welcomed into Christianity?
Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas?
What do Christians remember at Easter?

Messenger—Angel Gabriel
Key Figures— God, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Magi,
St. John The Baptist.
Priest, Vicar, Pastor.

ISLAM

Belonging to the Muslim Family.
A man called Muhammad.

Messenger—Angel Jibril (link with Christianity)
Key Figures— Allah, Muhammad (P.B.U.H.)

SIKHISM

Belonging to the Sikh Family.

Key Figure— Guru Nanak,

Guru Nanak (1469-1539) Spiritual Guru and founder of Sikhism. Nanak was born in a Hindu family but taught God was beyond religious distinction and sought to teach that God was in all.

Year 2

CHRISTIANITY

Why do Christians celebrate at Christmas?
What did Jesus leave behind?
Why do Christians remember the Last Supper?

Messenger— Angel Gabriel, Jesus.
Key Figures— as Year 1 with Apostles/Disciples—Judas, Peter.

ISLAM

Why is the Qur'an a Sacred Book?

Messenger—Angel Jibril (link with Christianity)
Key Figures— Allah, Muhammad (P.B.U.H.), Nuh (Noah)

Khadijah (c556-c619), the first wife of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), is seen as the mother of Islam, as it is she who gave all she had in the way of Islam which initiated the success of the religion in the early days. She was an eminent woman who was highly respected by both men and women. She was the wealthiest woman in Arabia who was very powerful and influential.

SIKHISM

The Guru Granth Sahib: A Living Guru.

Guru Gobind Singh Ji (1667-1708)—A divine messenger, a warrior, a poet, and a philosopher, he molded the Sikh religion into its present shape, with the institution of the Khalsa fraternity, and the completion of the sacred scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib Ji, in its final form. Before leaving his mortal body in 1708, Guru Gobind Singh decreed the Guru Granth Sahib Ji as the next and perpetual Guru of the Sikhs.

JUDAISM

The Torah: God's Law for the Jews.

Key Figures— Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Moses

Moses (1391 BC – 1271 BC) Moses was a key prophet of the Old Testament. He received the Torah (law) on Mount Sinai, which includes the Ten Commandments. Moses is a prophet within Judaism, but also Christianity and Islam.

Year 3

CHRISTIANITY

Why is Christmas a winter festival?
Why is Easter a spring festival?
Why did monks copy the Gospels by hand?

Messenger— Moses.
Key Figures— Jesus as 'Light of the world.',
Rabbi

St. Bede (c.673-735)— Bede, also known as Saint Bede, The Venerable Bede, and Bede the Venerable, was an English monk at the monastery of St Peter and its companion monastery of St Paul in the Kingdom of Northumbria of the Angles.

ISLAM

What is a Mosque for?
Ramadan and Eid

Messenger—Angel Jibril (link with Christianity)
Key Figures— Allah, Muhammad (P.B.U.H.), Imam

Muhammad Ali (1947 – 2016) was a professional heavyweight boxer – considered the greatest champion in the history of sport. At the age of 22, he changed his name and joined the Nation of Islam. He later converted to Sunni Islam and later Sufism. He has become a symbol of religious freedom, racial justice and standing for your principles.

JUDAISM

Judaism: Believing and Belonging
Key Figures— Leviticus, Moses

Yotam Ottolenghi (1968-)—Born in Israel, Ottolenghi came to the UK to set the food industry straight. According to JC, he has "changed the way the British eat" with his restaurants Nopi and Ottolenghi and his three best-selling cookbooks that have brought Israeli/Jewish cuisine to the UK.
Denise Phillips (1962-), the UK's leading Kosher Jewish chef and cookery writer.

<p>Year 4</p>	<p>CHRISTIANITY</p> <p><i>What actually happened at Easter? What is the 'Big Story' of Christmas?</i></p> <p>Messenger— St. Paul Key Figures— Adam and Eve, Moses.</p> <p>St Paul (c.5 – c. 67) – Missionary and influential early Christian. The letters of St Paul form a significant part of the New Testament. St Paul is responsible for the growth and development of Christianity as a modern religion.</p>	<p>ISLAM</p> <p><i>Muslims in Britain and Around the World.</i></p> <p>Cat Stevens / Yusuf Islam (1948 –) is a British singer and songwriter, who had a successful pop career before converting to Islam in 1978. He changed his name to Yusuf Islam and has spent more time contributing to humanitarian projects.</p> <p>Malala Yousafzai– (1997-)Pakistani schoolgirl who defied threats of the Taliban to campaign for the right to education. She survived being shot in the head by the Taliban and has become a global advocate for human rights, women's rights and the right to education. She has sought to emphasize the peaceful nature of Islam and the respect Islam has for education.</p>	<p>BUDDHISM</p> <p><i>Do all Buddhists believe and celebrate the same thing?</i> Key Figures–Siddhartha Guatama–The Buddha,</p> <p>The 14th Dalai Lama (1935-) known to the Tibetan people as Gyalwa Rinpoche, is the current Dalai Lama. From his exile in India, the religious and political leader the Dalai Lama has since 1959 stood at the head of the nonviolent opposition to China's occupation of Tibet.</p> <p>HINDUISM</p> <p><i>Diwali: the festival of Light.</i> Key Figures–Rama, Sita, Lakshmi</p> <p>Mahatma Gandhi (1869–1948) Indian nationalist and politician. He became the most prominent leader of the Indian Congress party. Gandhi led non-violent protests against British rule. He also sought to improve the welfare of women and lowest caste members of Indian society. Gandhi was a Hindu who tried to embrace all the major world religions.</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>CHRISTIANITY</p> <p><i>Is Christmas too commercial? Who is responsible for Jesus' death?</i></p> <p>Messengers— Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. Key Figures— Judas, Mary Magdalene, Pilate</p> <p>Mary Magdalene (c.0 AD – unknown) One of the most important women in the Bible. Many conflicting legends and traditions surround Mary Magdalene. But, the New Testament suggests she was healed from inner turmoil by Jesus and became one of his most devoted disciples.</p> <p>William and Catherine Booth– Founders of The Salvation Army in the slums of London during 1865. William wanted to make the church more accessible to the whole community at a time when many poor and working class people were excluded from the churches.</p>	<p>ISLAM</p> <p><i>Food and Drink: what are religious rules for?</i></p> <p>Mo Farrah (1983 –) Somali born British runner. Farah has won double Olympic gold in the 5000m and 10,000m. He is a devout Muslim and active supporter of the Muslim Writers Awards.</p> <p>Asma Khan -chef and owner of Darjeeling Express in Covent Garden. She was also featured on the Netflix programme, Chef's Table, showcasing her Indian Rajput and Bengali inspired dishes; she was the first British Muslim woman to be featured.</p> <p>Nadiya Jamir Hussain MBE (née Begum; born 25 December 1984) is a British Muslim television chef, author and television presenter.</p>	<p>SIKHISM</p> <p><i>Sikhism: The Gurdwara.</i></p> <p>Amrit and Rabindra Kaur Singh (1966–), British born, identical female twins, established themselves through their artistic abilities. After having attended the Liverpool University Art College, both Amrit and Rabindra were instructed by their mentor to not conform to traditional painting techniques, but rather to adopt their own culture and values in their paintings.</p> <p>THEMATIC</p> <p><i>What is Worship? What is it for?</i></p> <p>Key Figures–Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad, Guru Nanak, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Buddha, The Trimurti.</p> <p>Individual Research opportunity- modern day religious leaders, significant people from religious history.</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>CHRISTIANITY</p> <p><i>Why is Jesus' death seen as a victory? Why are the Gospel accounts different?</i></p> <p>Messengers— Luke and Matthew Key Figures— King David, shepherds, Magi</p> <p><i>Link with Year 6 History–Thomas John Barnardo</i> (4 July 1845 – 19 September 1905) was an Irish-born philanthropist and founder and director of homes for poor and deprived children.</p> <p>King James VI and I (1566-1625), -responsible for Early Modern English translation of the Christian Bible for the Church of England, which was commissioned in 1604 and published in 1611 The King James Version has been described as one of the most important books in English culture and a driving force in the shaping of the English-speaking world.</p>	<p>THEMATIC</p> <p><i>From Life to death, what role does religion play?</i></p> <p>Individual Research opportunity- produce a fact sheet about one of the rights of Passage –6 main world religions, modern day faith leaders-who perform/lead/facilitate the religious and secular 'Rites of Passage'?</p>	<p>THEMATIC</p> <p><i>Is faith always the same? What does art tell us?</i></p> <p>Michelangelo Buonarroti. (c. 1508-1512) Salvador Dali (1904-1989) Abed Abdi, (1942-) Mark Chigall (1887-1985)</p> <p>Individual Research opportunity- religion through art -contrast between figurative art and non figurative art.</p>