

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Year 8 Summative Assessment (Summer Term)



Revision materials

Topics:

1. Vocation
2. Inspirational Christians
3. Lent and Holy Week

Instructions:

Your RE assessment will be a 1-hour test in class.

There will be three sections to the test.

In each section there are 10 questions:

- Questions 1-5 are multiple choice keywords questions.
 - Questions 6 and 7 are 'Give two'.
- Questions 8 and 9 are 'Explain' questions.
- Question 10 is an evaluation question.

Vocation key words

Active

Religious orders who dedicate time to helping those in need.

Chastity

A vow taken by religious orders, to not engage in sexual or intimate relationships.

Contemplative

A life of prayer, meditation and study lived by some religious orders.

Convent

A name for the building a group of nuns live in.

Evangelical Counsels

Three ways of living recommended by Jesus in the Gospels – chastity, obedience and poverty.

Discipleship

Living life by trying to follow the teachings and example of Jesus.

Monastery

The name for a building lived in by a group of monks.

Obedience

A vow taken by religious orders to follow the will of God and be obedient to Him.

Poverty

A vow taken by religious orders to give up worldly possessions.

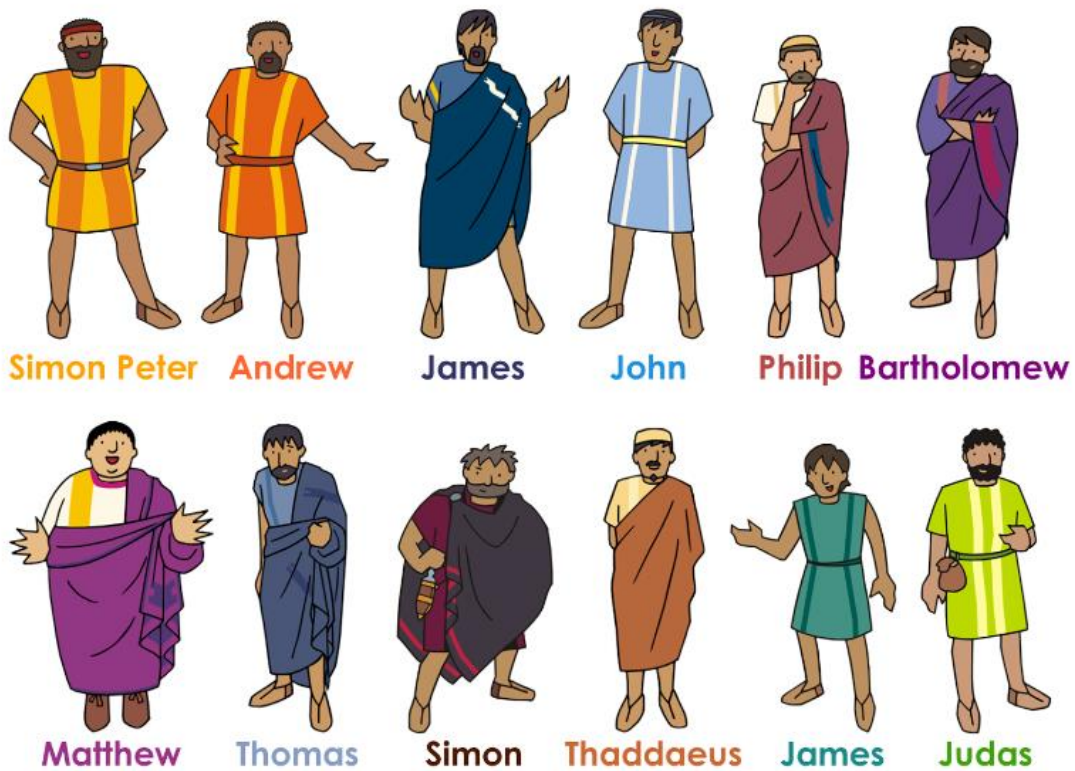
Vocation

A call from God to live a Christian life

Task 1

- Read the key words and their meanings.
- The cover them and write down as many of the words/meanings as you can remember in pen on this page.
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Extension: Ask someone at home to test you.



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Task – Can you remember their names? Cover the picture and have a go!

Evangelical Counsels

- Poverty
- Chastity
- Obedience

Look back at your key words to find out what the vows mean.

These vows are called evangelical counsels, they are important to monks and nuns who take them very seriously.

Poverty allows monks and nuns to not be distracted by material possessions and to focus on God. They are dedicating their lives to God and not to finding happiness through objects and things.

Chastity means not having romantic or sexual relationships. Once again, this allows them to focus on their relationship with God. They follow the example of Jesus who was never married and devoted His life to His mission.

Obedience allows them to submit themselves fully to God and their religious orders. They will dutifully do as they are told by the leader of their convent or monastery and show that they will do as God wants them to do at all times. Jesus was fully obedient to the will of God.

Task 2

Can you explain in your own words what the Evangelical Counsels are and why they are important?

Extension: Can you learn your paragraph?

Being a disciple today.

Disciples are followers of Jesus. They want a close relationship with God and they show this through their actions. They might study the Bible or help out with charities.

Task 3

Create a spider diagram in the space above of any ideas that you have about how Christians can be a disciple of Jesus today. You can include the examples that I have given to start you off.

Inspirational Christians key words

Compassion

Feeling sorry for people who are suffering and wanting to help.

Courage

Being able to face danger or difficulties without fear.

Determination

Not giving up even when things get difficult and life is hard.

Discernment

To become aware through prayer of a religious calling or vocation.

Faith

A commitment to love and trust in God.

Holy Orders

The sacrament undertaken when becoming a deacon, priest or bishop.

Inspirational

A person who because of their talents and example others wish to follow.

Respect

Showing consideration for the thoughts, feelings and beliefs of others.

Martyrs

People who suffer and die for their faith.

Ministry

Time spent in service of God.

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Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa was born in Albania in 1910. Her real name was Agnes Gonxha. Religion was very important to Mother Teresa and her family, she was a Roman Catholic. She remembers her mother always telling her, to love God and her neighbours. She took a great interest in helping out in her church and was particularly interested in the *missionaries* working in India.

At the age of 12 she felt that God was calling her to be a nun. In 1928, when she was only 18 Agnes travelled to Loreto Abbey in Ireland to learn English and begin her life as a Loreto nun. After two months in Ireland she moved over to India to live in the Loreto *convent* over there. When she was 21, Agnes took her first vows. She needed a new name for her new life, so she adopted the name Teresa.

What did she do?

Mother Teresa gave up her convent life and dressed like a poor Indian woman. She realised that she would need medical skills to help the poor and spent four months on a short nursing course.

She had just 5 rupees (about 30p) in her pocket when she went into the slums. She began by starting a school on the street. She used the dusty ground as her blackboard and a stick as her chalk. When people heard what she was doing they sent gifts for her school.

Next, she started handing out bandages, medicines and food, given to her by people who wanted to help.

The Pope was so impressed with the work of Sister Teresa and her helpers that on 7th October 1950, he gave her permission to start a new *order of nuns*. She called her order 'The Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity.' As the leader of this new order Sister Teresa became Mother Teresa.

The nuns lead a very simple life. They have very few possessions: Three saris, a pair of sandals, underwear, a crucifix, a bucket to wash in and a prayer book.

Each morning the nuns wake up at 4:30 a.m. to pray before going out to work in the slums. Some teach the children, some work with the sick, the dying or those suffering from leprosy. Others collect, prepare and give out food. Mother Teresa worked alongside the other nuns not expecting them to do anything she would not do herself.

Mother Teresa and her sisters helped the people of Calcutta unconditionally.

As the years went on the work Mother Teresa was doing began to be noticed by leaders all over the world. In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. When she heard the news she replied "I accept this award in the name of the poor."

Task 2

Can you explain in your own words what Mother Teresa did and why she is inspirational?

Extension: Can you learn your paragraph?

Martin Luther King

MLK fought for civil rights. He wanted equality and to end racism. His work is inspirational to Christians for many reasons.

Read the reasons below and try to memorise them.

Reason 1	He fought for equality which is following the teaching of Jesus to 'treat others how you would like to be treated'
Reason 2	He highlighted that all humans were made 'in God's image' and were worthy of respect
Reason 3	He was a pacifist and did not use violence to get attention for the civil rights movement, he followed Jesus' teaching to 'love your enemies'.
Reason 4	He is a sign of hope and faith for all people as he spoke out for all members of society who were being treated unfairly.
Reason 5	He never abandoned his faith and he stayed strong in challenging times. His faith in God kept him strong.

Task

Can you explain, in your own words, why Martin Luther King and his work are so important to Christians?

Nicky Cruz

Nicky Cruz (born December 6, 1938) is a Puerto Rican Christian evangelist, the founder of Nicky Cruz Outreach, an evangelistic Christian ministry. Before his conversion he was the leader of a New York City gang, the Mau Maus.

Early life

Cruz was born in Las Piedras, Puerto Rico where he was raised by his parents. His parents mentally abused him; his own mother would call him "Son of Satan".

The neighborhood in which he lived was one of the worst in Puerto Rico and Cruz was always getting into trouble.

His parents sent him to live with his brother in New York City when he was 15, and Cruz soon ran away and started living on the streets of the city.

He became a member of the Mau Maus street gang, and about six months later Cruz was selected Warlord of the gang. He quickly rose to become their president.

Conversion to Christianity

Shortly after Cruz became the gang leader, David Wilkerson was preaching in the neighborhood when Cruz encountered him.

The preacher told Cruz that "Jesus loved him and would never stop loving him". Cruz responded by slapping Wilkerson and threatening to kill him.

Wilkerson attempted again later to convert Cruz, and received the same response.

Later, Wilkerson organised an evangelistic meeting in the neighborhood with the intent of converting the Mau Maus. When Cruz heard about it, he headed with some of the members of his gang for the boxing arena where the meeting was being held, on a bus sent specially by Wilkerson. According to Cruz, when he arrived at the arena, he "felt guilty about the things that he had done" and began to pray.

After preaching, Wilkerson asked the Mau Maus to take up a collection. Cruz volunteered and led a group of the gang through the crowd, insisting on people giving money. Going backstage, he saw an exit, but convinced the group to give the money to Wilkerson on stage. Later, Wilkerson gave an altar call, and a large number of gang members responded. Wilkerson prayed with Cruz, and Cruz asked God to forgive him.

Afterward, Cruz and some of the gang members who were converted went to the police and turned in all of their bricks, handguns and knives, shocking the police officers in the station. They stated that if they had seen the group approaching, they probably would have shot them down. Cruz began to study the Bible and went to Bible college. He became a preacher and returned to his old neighborhood, where he preached and converted more of the Mau Maus to Christianity, including the gang's new leader.

Task A

Create a spider diagram to show some of the key events.

Task B

In the table below, write reasons why some people would say Nicky is inspirational. The in the second column write why Mother Teresa, MLK or another Inspirational Christian you have studied is inspirational to others.

Nicky Cruz	Other Inspirational Christian

Lent and Holy Week

Almsgiving

The act of giving to others.

Crucifix

A cross with an image of Jesus on; it reminds us of the suffering Jesus faced.

Easter Vigil

Mass on the Saturday evening of Holy Week, the first official celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

Good Friday

The day on which Christians remember the death of Jesus on the cross.

Holy Week

Christians remember the Last week of Jesus' life from Palm Sunday to his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lent

A period of 40 days preparation leading up to the festival of Easter.

Maundy Thursday

The day before Good Friday when Christians remember the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples.

Resurrection

The belief that Jesus rose from the dead and overcame death.

Sacrifice

The offering of a person or thing to God, often to make up for a sinful act.

Temptation

An attraction towards a sinful thought, word or action. The devil tempts Jesus in the desert.

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The Temptation of Jesus - Luke 4: 1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" ⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendour, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to." ⁷So if you worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" ⁹The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here." ¹⁰For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Task

Read through the story of Jesus temptation in the desert and explain in two sentences what happens in the story.

How does the story influence Christians today?

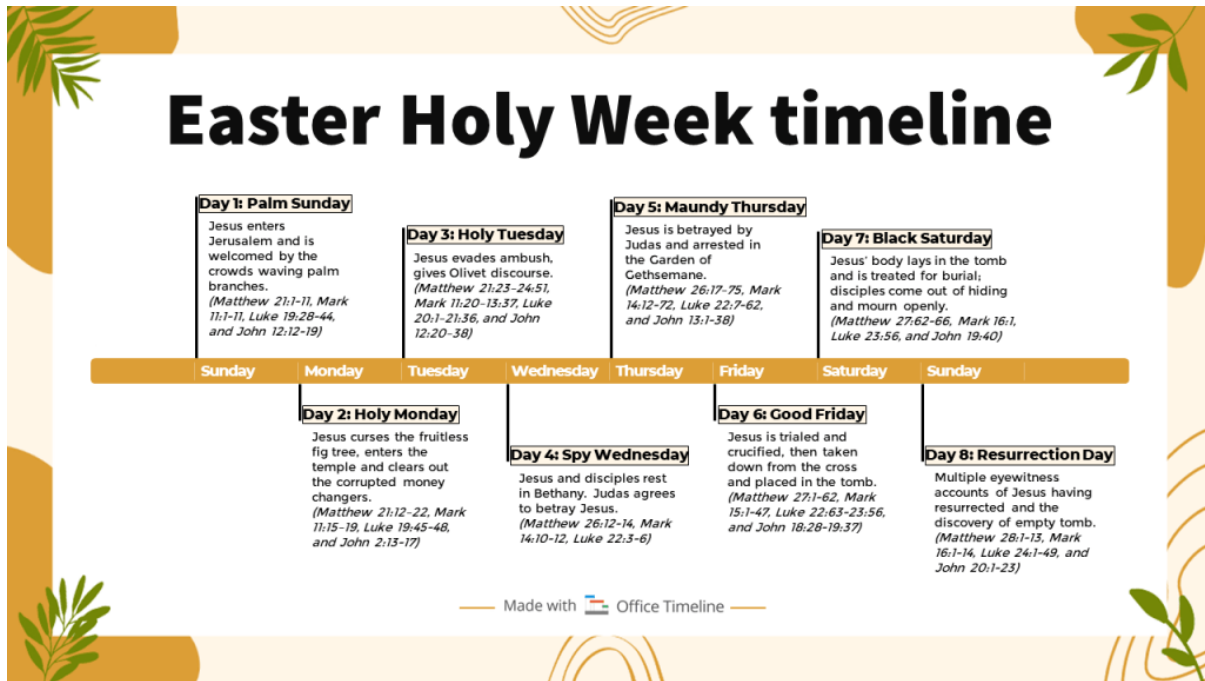
Influence 1:	Fasting during Lent - giving up luxuries and food that we enjoy
Influence 2:	We try to avoid temptation and try to stay obedient to God
Influence 3:	We take time to pray to God during Lent like Jesus did in the desert
Influence 4:	Christians try to give to charity and help those who go without during Lent
Influence 5:	Christians ask for forgiveness for the things they have done wrong

Can you memorise at least 3 of the influences?

Write an acrostic poem using the word TEMPTATION to help you remember key parts of the story and how it influences Christians.

Learn your acrostic poem.

Holy Week



Task

Why would some people say that Palm Sunday was the most important day of Holy Week?

Which other days of Holy Week are important and why?

Which do you think is the most important day of Holy Week and why?

The Last Supper

The *Last Supper* was the final meal Jesus shared with his *disciples*, the night before his *crucifixion*. During the meal, Jesus predicted that one of his disciples would betray him. At the end of the meal, Jesus broke bread and shared it with his disciples, telling them to do this in remembrance of me (Luke 22:19).

Jesus offered wine to his disciples, saying to them:

Drink from it, all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

– Luke 22:20

This shows that, through the sacrifice Jesus was about to make, a new relationship would be formed between God and humanity.

The Last Supper holds a special significance for Christians as it forms the basis of the *Eucharist*, a key Christian church service.

It is also important to remember that Jesus told His disciples to be a servant to others as He washed their feet.

This is an important message for Jesus' followers as it teaches them to care for and respect others, put themselves last and serve others.

Task

Spider diagram - Why is the Last Supper important to Christians?

Include any key ideas from your book or the paragraph that you have read.

