

## RE. What is the 'Good News' Christians believe Jesus Brings?

### What I Have Already Learnt (from Early Learning Goals)

- I have listened to stories about Jesus and other people from the Bible.
- I know that Christians believe Jesus is a special person and God's Son.
- I have talked about what is **good** and what is **kind**.
- I have started to understand that people belong to different religions and believe different things.
- I know that a **church** is a special place for Christians.

### What I Will Have Learnt by the End of This Unit

- That Christians believe Jesus brings **good news** - he offers **forgiveness, peace, and friendship** with God.
- That Jesus chose people who others didn't expect to help him.
- That Christians believe Jesus teaches them to love and help other people.
- That saying sorry and forgiving others is important to Christians.
- That Christians show their beliefs through their actions - like helping people who are homeless or lonely.
- That the **church** is a place where Christians go to pray, feel peace, and say sorry.

### What I Will Have Learnt by the End of Key Stage 1

- I will know that Christians believe Jesus is **God's Son** and the **Saviour**.
- I will understand that Jesus' teachings are part of the **Christian way of life**.
- I will be able to **retell Bible stories** and explain what they mean to Christians.
- I will recognise that Christians celebrate Jesus' life in **worship** and **church life**.
- I will be able to **talk about my own ideas** of what is good news and what makes people feel happy, peaceful, and loved.
- I will understand that **different religions** have special people, books, and places - and I can compare them with Christianity.

### Opportunities for Teaching Diversity, Equality and Expanding Cultural Capital

- Show that Jesus welcomed all people - even those who were disliked or different.
- Highlight that Christianity is a **global faith**, practised by people of many races and cultures.
- Use stories, pictures and videos of diverse Christian communities around the world.
- Teach that everyone is valued, no matter their background or mistakes.
- Explore Jesus' message of **forgiveness** and **second chances**.
- Discuss fairness, kindness, and treating others with respect
- Visit a local church and learn how it supports the community.
- Discover real Christian projects like **St George's Crypt** helping the homeless.
- Use **drama, art, and storytelling** to bring ideas like peace and forgiveness to life.

### Key Knowledge

#### **Jesus brings good news to everyone**

Christians believe that Jesus came to bring good news to the world. His good news wasn't just about being happy - it was about helping people feel loved, forgiven, peaceful, and close to God. Christians believe that Jesus showed people how to live in a kind and loving way.

#### **Jesus chose people to help him - even surprising ones!**

Jesus had 12 special friends called disciples. He didn't choose rich or powerful people. He chose ordinary people - even some that others didn't like, like Matthew the tax collector. Christians believe this shows that Jesus sees the good in everyone, and anyone can follow him.

#### **Jesus taught about forgiveness**

Jesus told people that it's important to say sorry when they do something wrong and to forgive others too. Christians believe Jesus taught that God forgives people who are truly sorry. Saying sorry and forgiving others can help people feel better and start again.

#### **Jesus brings peace to people's hearts**

Jesus said, "My peace I give to you." Christians believe Jesus helps people feel calm inside - even when life is hard. They believe he brings peace in their hearts, peace with other people, and peace with God. Christians often pray when they feel worried or scared.

#### **Christians try to follow Jesus' example**

Christians believe that Jesus showed people how to love others. That means helping those who are poor, lonely, or sad. Christians try to follow Jesus by being kind, caring, and generous - just like he was.

#### **Church is a place to find peace, friendship and forgiveness**

Christians go to church to pray, sing, say sorry to God, and be with others. Church can be a peaceful place to think and talk to God. Christians believe the church is part of Jesus' good news - a place where people can feel welcomed, forgiven and loved.



Jesus with his disciples

## ✿ Key Vocabulary (With Definitions)

**Jesus** - Christians believe Jesus is God's Son who brings good news.

**Disciple** - One of Jesus' special friends and followers.

**Forgiveness** - Saying sorry and being given a fresh start.

**Peace** - A feeling of calm, love and not being afraid.

**Good News** - Something Christians believe Jesus brought to the world - love, forgiveness, peace and friendship with God.

**Church** - A place where Christians meet to worship God.

**Neighbour** - Not just someone who lives next door - it means anyone who needs help.

**Community** - A group of people who care for and help one another.

## 🧠 My Skills and Knowledge That I May Use from Other Subjects

- **English** - I will listen to and talk about Bible stories, join in discussions, and write or draw about ideas like peace, kindness, and forgiveness.
- **Art** - I will use drawing and painting to show feelings like fear, love, or peace in heart shapes and pictures.
- **Drama** - I will act out Bible stories and think about how different people might feel in the story.
- **PSHE** - I will use what I know about feelings, friendship and making good choices when thinking about Jesus' teachings.
- **Geography** - I might look at where different Christians live around the world and learn that Christianity is a global faith.
- **History** - I will learn about how people have followed Jesus' message for thousands of years, including today.

## 🧠 Key Skills I Will Learn/Use

**Remember** - I will remember that Christians believe Jesus brings good news like peace, forgiveness, and friendship.

**Name** - I will be able to name some of Jesus' friends (disciples) and people who Christians help today.

**Identify** - I will identify ways Christians show love to others, like helping people in need.

**Locate** - I will locate where Christians meet to worship, like churches in my local area.

**Compare** - I will compare how people feel when they are forgiven or shown kindness.

**Observe** - I will observe how Christians show peace, love, and care for others in real life.

**Notice** - I will notice how Jesus treated everyone fairly and kindly, even those others ignored.

**Discuss** - I will be able to talk about the stories Jesus told and what they mean to Christians.

**Investigate** - I will investigate how Christians try to follow Jesus' example in their daily lives.

## 🌐 Recall and Remember - Multiple Choice Quiz

1. Who did Jesus choose to be his friend, even though others didn't like him?

- A) A king
- B) A tax collector

2. What do Christians believe Jesus brings?

- A) Good news
- B) Bad news

3. What did Jesus say about forgiveness?

- A) "Forgive and you will be forgiven"
- B) "Never forgive anyone"

4. Why is St George's Crypt an example of good news?

- A) It helps people who need support
- B) It's a toy shop

5. Where do Christians go to feel close to God?

- A) A church
- B) A shop



## Key Concepts

- Key Elements:
  - Making Sense of beliefs
    - Core Concepts and beliefs
  - Making Connections
    - ideas to pupils lives
  - Understanding Impact
    - beliefs in action

## Common core RE Concepts:

- Belief
- Worship
- Transcendence
- Tradition
- Morality
- Commitment
- Suffering
- Identity
- Interdependence

