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2. chtisrianity = christianity
3. malis = Islam
4. ismjuda = Judaism
5. hiniudsm = Hinduism

Can I understand the main
beliefs of the Christian
faith?

What do Christians believe?

Christianity is focussed on the life and teachings of **Jesus Christ**, who Christians believe to be the Son of God. Jesus was born in **Bethlehem** in the Middle East over 2,000 years ago.

Christians believe there is only one God, who is revealed in three different forms:

- God the Father
- God the Son
- The Holy Spirit

Christians model themselves on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Trinity

Most Christians believe in the Trinity, which means that there are three different persons of the Godhead. These are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God created the world. (The Father)

Jesus is the son of God. They believe that He was the son of the Virgin Mary and the divine Son of God. (The Son)

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God on the Earth that spoke through prophets. (The Holy Spirit)

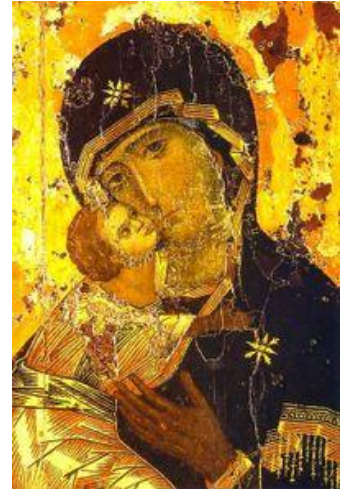
Beliefs

Christians believe that God sent Jesus to save humanity from the consequences of its sins.

Christians believe that through the death and resurrection of Jesus this broken relationship with God is restored.

Jesus as the Son of God

The most basic part of Christianity is the belief in Jesus as the Son of God. They believe that Mary gave birth to Jesus. His birth is celebrated at Christmas



Death

They believe that Jesus was betrayed by his disciples (followers).

The Romans captured him and sentenced him to death by crucifixion. They nailed him to a cross on a hillside. Christians believe that Jesus died to save the world from its sins and that it was God's plan to sacrifice his own son.



Dying for the world's sins

The death and resurrection of Jesus are two main events of Christianity.

The New Testament says that Jesus was crucified, buried in a tomb, and rose from the dead three days later.

Jesus' death and resurrection are remembered by Christians on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This is known as Easter.



Where do Christians worship?

Many Christians worship in **churches**. Some groups meet in homes and other buildings. 'Church' means the gathering of Christians as well as the building in which Christians worship. Their leaders are called **priests** or **ministers**.





What features can you see in this church?



Are there common features?



The 10 commandments - a biblical story

The Israelites had been travelling in the desert when they came to Mount Sinai, where they rested.

Moses got unpacked and decided to walk up the mountain to talk to God.

God knew that Moses was coming so He spoke to Moses and told him to tell the Israelites to get ready. Moses came down to tell the people to have a bath and to clean all their clothes.

By doing this the people were getting prepared to hear important words from God.

Special place

On the third morning after Moses had talked to God, the Israelites were busy making their breakfast when all of a sudden there was a large rumble and a flash of light over the mountain.

Everyone went out to look, and a very thick cloud hung over the mountain. Even the mountain shook and the sound of trumpets could be heard getting louder and louder.

Moses went up the mountain to hear from God once again. This time God told Moses, "Go down to the people and tell them not to follow you up the mountain, the mountain is a special place because I am here." So Moses warned the people not to touch or go to close to the mountain.

Back up the mountain

After that Moses went back up the mountain. But this time he stayed there for a long time (40 days and 40 nights). God wanted to instruct the people on how to live. By following His rules they would have less sadness in their lives. God just wanted to protect them.

These rules became the 10 commandments and form the basis of the belief system for Christians.

The Ten Commandments

1. You shall have no other Gods before me

Christians believe that God is the most important person in their life and should be put first in their lives. They should not worship other Gods.

2. You shall not make idols.

It is forbidden to make any image or picture of God in any form or for any purpose or to worship any creature, image or picture.

3. You shall not take the name of the God in vain.

If you swear in God's name you have broken the third command.

Saying phrases such as "Oh God!" in exasperation, not when praying, breaks this commandment.

4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

The Sabbath day is Sunday and Christians view this as a day of rest, where they focus their thoughts and actions on Jesus.

The Sabbath day should be a day of rest from work.

5. Honor your father and your mother.

This means that you should respect your father and your mother and recognise them as your parents.

6. Thou shall not kill

This is a legal law as well.

This does not just relate to killing someone. If you are upset or bitter, or quarrel and fight with any person, you have broken this law.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

Christians believe that when you form a relationship you should stay with that one person. Having romantic feelings towards someone else, when married, is not acceptable.

8. You shall not steal.

This is also a legal law.

Christians are against stealing from other people. They believe that they should share what they have with anyone in need.

9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

This means you should not lie about other people, whether to cover up what they have done, or to get them into trouble.

10. You shall not covet.

Covet means wanting to possess something, especially something belonging to another.

Tasks

Look at the Ten Commandments

Part 1

List the commandments in order of priority (in your opinion). Explain your reasons in a paragraph underneath.

Part 2

Thinking about society today, are there other commandments that you think would be important? Explain your reasons.

Example

1. Thou shalt not kill
2. Thou shalt not steal
3. Honor your father and your mother.

I have selected thou shalt not kill as the most important commandment as killing people is not only illegal but causes devastation and distress to lots of people. It would also keep people safer in society.

Next I chose thou shalt not steal as this keeps people's belongings safe and would lead to fewer arguments in society.

My third choice is honour your mother and your father. Parents deserve respect and if children are respectful at home, the home is a happier place for all.