

KS2 Unit 3, Lesson 6: Christianity – Why do Christians read the Bible? (2)

Context: In this lesson, we are asking pupils to understand what the Bible says about their most important beliefs. They will explore the message of the parable of the lost son Luke 15:11-32 and understand that the Bible talks about God's rescue plan – that Christians believe that everyone needs to say sorry and be forgiven by God.

Overview:

- Understand what Jesus said about the need to say sorry to God and be forgiven.
- Reflect on how this will result in a change in the way that Christians live.

Essential core: Key belief – Salvation

Recognise that Christians refer to Jesus as 'the Saviour' or as 'my Saviour'.

Explain the Christian Salvation story and that it makes four main claims:

- God created a perfect the world
- Humanity went wrong
- To save humanity, God had a salvation plan
- God enters into the world as Jesus Christ who saves humanity

Christians believe Jesus came to forgive and rescue everyone. No one is too bad – or too good.

Recall the story of Jesus' death on the cross. Understand that Christians believe that because Jesus died they can be forgiven by God

Resources: Bibles.

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2015/11/23/the-lost-son/>

Vocabulary:

Beatitudes, Agape - selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus told stories called parables to help people think about what they believed and what matters most. Show the video on the RE:quest website of the parable of the lost son (sometimes called the parable of the prodigal son).

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REFLECT:

You can read the story together from the Bible Luke 15:11-32.

Who is the Father in the story? (God) Who is the lost son? (We are) Who is the angry brother? (People who do not forgive)

Christians believe that although the Bible shows how God wants people to live no one has lived a perfect life – everyone needs to own up and say sorry to God. No one is too bad to be forgiven – or too Good.

Christians believe that because Jesus died anyone can be forgiven by God

Plenary:

Do the diamond nines about what Christians believe about forgiveness. Discuss: What do we think? Can everything be forgiven? Must someone own up and say sorry before we forgive them? Should people be punished if they do something really bad? What do Christians believe about these things?

Formative assessment:

What does the Bible say about forgiving?