



Giles Junior KS2 RE Annual Curriculum Overview

For each half – termly topic there are four steps (lessons) to follow, these include: Engagement, Investigation, Evaluation and expression.

Year 3 topics for the Year: Hinduism and Christianity				
Term	Focus	Knowledge	Vocabulary	
Autumn 1	Hinduism - Would celebrating Divali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?	Investigate what happens during the festival of Divali and whether the celebrations bring a sense of belonging to Hindus.	celebration Rangoli worship belonging	community diva lamps puja tray
Autumn 2	Christianity - Has Christmas lost its true meaning?	Find out what the true meaning of Christmas is to Christians and compare this with what Christmas means to us.	Jesus advent God	Incarnation salvation
Spring 1	Christianity - Could Jesus heal people?	Retell Bible stories when miracles have happened and question whether Jesus really did perform miracles.	miracle incarnation	Bible expectations
Spring 2	Christianity - What is 'good' about Good Friday?	Recall key events in the Easter story and understand why Jesus's crucifixion symbolises hope for Christians.	salvation gospel crucifixion symbolise	communion Palm Sunday disciples
Summer 1	Hinduism - How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?	Understand the Hindu belief that there is one God with many different aspects.	Brahman deities	temple Puja
Summer 2	Hinduism - Would visiting the River Ganges feel special to a non - Hindu?	Understand the significance of the River Ganges both for a Hindu and non-Hindu.	Pilgrimage pilgrims	Brahman



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Year 4 topics for the year: Judaism and Christianity			
Term	Focus	Knowledge	Vocabulary
Autumn 1	Judaism - How special is the relationship Jews have with God?	Understand the special relationship between Jews and God and the promises they make to each other.	Jews covenant Abraham Genesis descendants synagogue Torah scroll mezuzah
Autumn 2	Christianity - What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?	Understand the symbolism in the Christmas story and think about what the different parts mean to Christians today.	Christingle Kingship Incarnation
Spring 1	Judaism - How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?	Understand how celebrating Passover and keeping Kashrut (food laws) help Jews show God they value their special relationship with him.	Passover Seder Kashrut Kosher Exodus
Spring 2	Christianity - Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?	Understand how Jesus's life, death and resurrection teaches Christians about forgiveness.	forgiveness salvation
Summer 1	Judaism - What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?	Understand different ways that Jews show their commitment to God and comparing their practices in order to explore which shows the most commitment.	Bar Mitzvah Mitzvoth Synagogue
Summer 2	Christianity - Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?	Understand how important going to church is to show someone is a Christian.	Worship Baptising Communion Commandments



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Year 5 topics for the year: Sikhism and Christianity				
Term	Focus	Knowledge	Vocabulary	
Autumn 1	Sikhism - How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion?	Compare the different ways Sikhs put their religion into practice.	commitment Khalsa Guru Nanak Langar sacrifice	
Autumn 2	Christianity - Is the Christmas story true?	Evaluate different accounts of the Christmas story and understand that stories can be true in different ways.	Bible Incarnation Messiah Saviour	
Spring 1	Sikhism - Are Sikh stories important today?	Understand the relevance of Sikh stories today.	traditional Gurdwara Guru Granth Sahib Chappati Waheguru	
Spring 2	Christianity - How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?	Question whether God intended Jesus to be crucified or whether Jesus's crucifixion was the consequence of events during Holy Week.	ambition crucifixion resurrection	incarnation impending
Summer 1	Sikhism - What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?	Understand how Sikhs show their commitment to God and evaluate if there is a best way.	Baptised Kara Turban Khalsa	Gurdwara Seva Kirat Karnee
Summer 2	Christianity - What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?	Understand how Christians show their commitment to God and evaluate if there is a best way.	commitment Ten Commandments conceitedness communion	



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Year 6 topics for the year: Islam and Christianity			
Term	Focus	Knowledge	Vocabulary
Autumn 1	Islam - What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?	Understand some of the ways Muslims show commitment to God and evaluate whether there is a best way.	Salat Allah Mosque Ramadan Qur'an Makkah
Autumn 2	Christianity - How significant is it that Mary was Jesus's mother?	Analyse the Christian belief in the Virgin Birth. Assess the significance of this to Christians.	symbolism Incarnation miracles resurrection crucified gospel
	Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?	Evaluate different Christmas traditions and celebrations in the light of their reference and relevance to Christian beliefs in Jesus.	
Spring 1	Christianity - Is anything ever eternal?	Evaluate different beliefs about eternity and understand the Christian perspective on this.	eternity unconditional resurrection parable
Spring 2	Christianity - Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?	Examine the influences Christianity still has in the world and evaluate whether it is still a strong religion.	Influential poverty resurrection
Summer 1	Islam - Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?	Identify ways in which Muslims try to lead good lives and how their belief in Akhirah influences this.	Allah Ramadan Akhirah righteous Qur'an
Summer 2	Islam - Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives? (Continued.)	Challenge stereotyping through understanding different Muslim interpretations of Jihad and how this links to getting to Heaven.	Jihad