



Religious Education - Skills Ladder

	End of EYFS	End of Key Stage 1	End of Lower Key Stage 2	End of Upper Key Stage 2
New key vocabulary	Creation, God, pray,	Forgiveness, Creator,	Trinity, Good Friday, The	Eternal
	worship, Christian,	universe, gospel, charity,	Fall, sin, reconciliation,	Proverb, Messiah
	belonging,	faith, community, parables,	symbols, courageous	Prophecy, Prophet, Kingdom
	school values, celebrate,	Holy week, Easter Sunday	advocates, Laws, Holy Spirit,	of God, holy, creationist,
	festival, Harvest,	Crucifixion, Resurrection,	Pentecost, Good Friday, Last	evolution, justice, respect,
	incarnation, Nativity,	Baptism, Old Testament,	Supper,	saviour
	Christmas, Salvation	New Testament	(Faiths, beliefs, celebrations,	(Comparisons of faiths and
	Bible, Easter, Lent, Jesus	(Faiths, special places, books	key figures and festivals to	world views to fit
		and stories to fit curriculum)	fit curriculum)	curriculum)
Explore	Listen to religious stories	Explore religious stories and	Explore the origins of texts	Outline the timeline of the
know about and	and talk about their	teachings	and understand where they	'big story' of the Bible,
understand	meaning.		fit onto a timeline	explaining the place within it
text, beliefs and context		Identify features of different		of the core concepts studied
,	Recognise some religious	religious texts (e.g. parables,	Make clear links with	
	words and symbols	historical, poetry)	religious text and the	Explain connections
			concepts studied	between key theological
		Retell religious stories and		terms and religious texts
		recognise a link with a	Explore a wider variety of	
		concept (e.g. Incarnation,	forms of religious literature	Suggest meanings for
		Salvation, nature of God)	found in a range of sacred	religious texts and compare
			books and identify	their ideas both within the
		Give clear accounts of what	characteristics of each genre	class and also with ways in
		the religious texts might		which people of faith
		mean to believers	Discuss and offer opinions	interpret those texts
			on what texts might mean	
			to believers	





Relate	Know about some religious	Understand how people	Make clear links between	Understand and explain the
identify how actions of	festivals	from different faiths	religious text, beliefs and	connection between
believers are impacted by		worship and be able to	practices (e.g. The Last	religious text and what
beliefs	Know about how some	identify key symbolic actions	Supper, salvation and	people of faith believe, how
Delleis	people express their beliefs	and language used within	Communion)	they behave in their own
	(e.g. what happens in	worship	•	lives, in their faith
	church)		Identify the main	communities and the view
		Recognise how people of	characteristics of an act of	they have of the wider
	Begin to understand what is	faith celebrate key festivals	worship and discuss about	world
	important to some people	-	the importance of worship	
	of faith	Explore and recognise	for believers	Identify the influences on,
		features of religious life and		and distinguish between
		practices including ways	Show understanding of the	different viewpoints within
		that people of faith	ways of belonging to	the same religious or non-
		celebrate key milestones in	religions and what these	religious viewpoint (e.g. the
		a person's life	involve	range of beliefs about the
				creation of the world
		Begin to compare the	Show an understanding of	amongst Christians)
		features of different	how religious beliefs ideas	
		religions and beliefs –	and feelings can be	
		recognising differences and	expressed in a variety of	Observe and interpret a
		similarities between faiths	forms (e.g. symbols and art	wide range of ways in which
			work representing the	a view point or belief can be
		Identify ways in which	Trinity)	expressed
		religious texts impact how		
		believers live	Investigate some features of	Understand the challenges a
			key religious festivals and	person may face when living
			celebrations and identify	out their faith in today's
			similarities and difference in	world
			how different faiths	
			recognise key times	





Apply understand and reflect upon how the learning can relate to our own lives and the world around us

Show interest in the world around them and ask questions about what they see and experience

Begin to express their own opinions and thoughts about the religious material studied

Begin to understand what is important to themselves

Reflect on examples of how believers live and consider how this impacts the world that we share

Reflect on examples of how believers live and consider what we can learn from that for our own lives

Consider, through discussion, whether particular religious text have anything to say on how we should live Raise questions about issues that cause people to wonder and to have faith. Consider how the concept studied might make a difference to how we think and live

Raise questions about issues that cause people to wonder and to have faith. Consider how the concept studied might make a difference to the wider world around us

Make links with religious teachings and what we see in the world around us (e.g. laws, legal system, acts of kindness and courageous advocacy)

Ask questions about the significant experiences of key figures from religions studied and suggest ways that we may learn from their lives

Make links between beliefs and actions. Understand how these can have an impact locally, nationally and internationally

Explore how beliefs can impact on the big issues of the day e.g. the environment, poverty, injustice

Explain how the concepts studied have challenged or inspired our own thinking and actions

Be able to present thoughtfully and with respect their own and others views. Considering how these views have been formed