

YEAR 1 SPRING 2 R.E: WHAT DOES THE CROSS MEAN TO CHRISTIANS?

Christianity

Christianity is one of the five main world religions.
It began after the death of Jesus.

Jesus was born a Jew and Christianity originally developed as part of Judaism.

There are a number of symbols associated with Christianity:



Key Vocabulary

Christians	People who follow the religion of Christianity
God	All-powerful spirit or being that is worshipped especially by Christians, Jews, and Muslims as the one who created and rules the universe
Jesus	The son of God
Cross	Christian symbol. Christians believe that Jesus died on a cross
Crucifix	A cross with an image of Jesus on it
Crucified	Put to death on a cross
Salvation	By Jesus dying he saved people
Resurrection	Christians believe that Jesus came back to life
Easter	The oldest most important Christian festival

Holy Week

Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter. The Easter story is very important to Christians as it reminds them of Jesus' death and



celebrates his resurrection.

There are four important days during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Symbols of Easter



Cross

The main symbol of Christianity is the cross; a symbol of the crucifixion of Jesus and his passion. In the Bible, Jesus walks with and carries the heavy cross a long way on his way to his crucifixion. In Christianity, Jesus is considered to have sacrificed himself and died for others' sins.



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Jesus Christ

The words '**Christian**' and '**Christianity**' come from the name, '**Jesus Christ**.'



Personal Spirituality – Key Questions

What does the cross mean to you?

When you think of Easter, what do you think of?

What traditions do you have at Easter?