

Knowledge Organiser

7.4 Where in the world is Christianity?

Who is Jesus?

- Jesus is the central figure in Christianity, believed to be the Son of God.
- Christians believe that Jesus lived in ancient Israel around 2,000 years ago.
- He is considered to be the Messiah who came to save humanity by sacrificing himself.

Whereabouts in the World can Christianity be found?

- Christianity is a global religion practiced by millions of people worldwide.
- It can be found in all continents, with the largest number of Christians residing in the Americas, Europe, and Africa.
- The highest concentration of Christians is found in the United States, Brazil, Mexico, Russia, the Philippines, and Nigeria.

How did Christianity get to Great Britain?

- Christianity came to Great Britain in the 1st century AD through the work of Roman missionaries.
- St. Augustine of Canterbury played a significant role in the Christianization of England in the 6th century.
- Over time, the Church of England became the dominant Christian denomination in Great Britain.

How do Christians worship?

- Christians worship through communal gatherings called church services.
- Worship practices vary among different Christian denominations but commonly include prayers, hymns, sermons, readings from the Bible, and partaking in sacraments such as baptism and Holy Communion.
- Worship can take place in churches, chapels, or other religious buildings.

What is 'Church'?

- The term 'church' refers to both a building where Christians gather for worship and the entire community of believers.
- The church is considered the body of Christ, with Jesus as its head.
- It serves as a place of worship, spiritual guidance, and community support for Christians.

What beliefs do Christian denominations share and what beliefs separate them?

- Christian denominations share core beliefs such as the belief in the Holy Trinity (God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and the divinity of Jesus.
- However, they may differ on specific doctrines, religious practices, and interpretations of scripture.
- Some major Christian denominations include Catholicism, Protestantism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Anglicanism.

Introduction to Christianity:

- Christianity is a major world religion with followers all around the globe.
- Christians believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and follow his teachings.

Key Figures in Christianity:

- Matthew: One of the twelve apostles of Jesus.
- Luke: Author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.
- John: One of the twelve apostles of Jesus and author of the Gospel of John.
- St. Paul: An influential early Christian missionary and author of several New Testament letters.

Key Passages from the Bible:

- Matthew 1: This chapter includes the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage back to King David.
- Matthew 3: Describes the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.
- Matthew 4: Depicts Jesus' temptation in the wilderness by Satan.

- Matthew 25: Contains the parable of the Ten Virgins, emphasizing the importance of being prepared for Jesus' return.
- Luke 2: Chronicles the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.
- Luke 9: Highlights Jesus' instructions to his disciples and his transfiguration on the mountain.
- John 19

Concepts:

- **God** is believed to be the supreme being, the creator of everything. Many people have different ideas about God, but in Christianity, God is seen as a loving and caring figure who watches over us. People often pray to God, asking for guidance or help, and believe that God listens and answers our prayers in different ways.
- **Jesus**. In Christianity, Jesus is considered to be the Son of God. He lived on Earth a long time ago and is an important figure in the religion. Jesus taught people about love, kindness, forgiveness, and how to live good lives. He performed miracles, such as healing the sick and even bringing people back to life. Jesus is also known for his sacrifice. He laid down his own life to save humanity from their sins.
- **The Trinity** is a concept that can be a bit tricky to understand, but I'll try my best to explain it. Christians believe that God is made up of three parts: God the Father, God the Son (which is Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. They believe that these three parts are all connected and yet separate at the same time. It's like thinking of water, which can be found in three different forms: solid (like ice), liquid (like water), and gas (like steam).
- **The Gospel** is a word that means "good news." It refers to the story of Jesus and his teachings, which are found in the Bible. The Gospel tells us about Jesus' life, his miracles, his crucifixion, and his resurrection. It also teaches us how we can have a relationship with God and how we can live our lives following Jesus' example.
- **To summarise**, God is the supreme being who created everything, Jesus is the Son of God who lived on Earth and taught us important lessons, the Trinity is the idea that God is made up of three parts, and the Gospel is the good news about Jesus and his teachings.