

Christian Beliefs & Teachings

	Key Terms	Symbol
Omnibenevolent	All-loving & infinitely good. An attribute of God	
Omnipotent	All-powerful, almighty and unlimited nature of God	
Trinity	The three persons of God. God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy spirit	
Incarnation	God becoming human in the form of Jesus	
Atonement	The belief that Jesus' death on a cross healed the rift between man & God	
Resurrection	The belief that Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, conquering death	
Sacraments	An outward sign of an invisible and inward blessing by God, for example Baptism. Eucharist	
Evangelism	Preaching of the gospel to others with the intention of converting them to the Christian faith	

The afterlife—eschatological beliefs

Judgement—Christians believe in a judgement day, the parables of the sheep & goats and Lazarus & the Rich Man helps them understand what this is.

Resurrection—Christians believe in a physical resurrection at the end of time

Traditional views of Heaven & Hell—Real places in the sky or under the earth

Contemporary views of Heaven & Hell—Heaven is with God & Hell is not being with God. Question whether hell is real

Purgatory—Catholic belief of a place to be cleansed of sin before going to heaven.

The life of Jesus—Make a comic strip about his life to match these events

Incarnation & divinity	Crucifixion & Death of Jesus	Resurrection	Ascension
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The miracle of the virgin birth The voice of the Father heard at the Baptism of Jesus Jesus performed miracles The transfiguration of Jesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus was crucified for claiming He was God (blasphemy) The Romans crucified Jesus at the Jewish leaders request Soldiers mock Jesus & put a crown of thorns on his head Crucified at Golgotha Two criminals are crucified with Him & Jesus is mocked Jesus prays on the cross & forgives Jesus dies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After dying, Jesus is placed in a tomb on the Friday evening. Nothing happens on Saturday as it is the Jewish Holy Day (Sabbath) Jesus rose from the dead on the Sunday This is the most significant event in Jesus' earthly life 1 Corinthians 15: 'If there is no resurrection from the dead then your faith is useless.' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the resurrection Jesus appears to his disciples over about 40 days. He then ascends (goes up) the heaven in front of them. Literalists—Jesus actually went to heaven in front of the disciples Non-literalists—A symbolic story indicating the end of Jesus' earthy ministry

Apostles Creed

The most important Christian beliefs are written in the Apostles Creed.

1. God is an all-powerful creator
2. Jesus is born of the virgin Mary
3. Jesus was crucified, buried and rose from the dead and ascended to heaven
4. There will be a day of judgement
5. There is one Church
6. There will be a bodily resurrection and an eternal afterlife

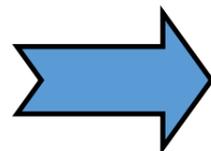
The creed is important because it helps Christians to know what they believe.

Basic Christian Beliefs - Memorise these beliefs and complete the task below.

Evil & Suffering

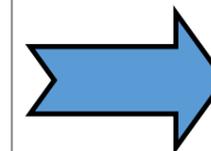
The existence of evil & suffering is the biggest challenge to God that Christians face. Answers include:

1. The God has given free will & human choice can produce evil
2. The devil causes evil
3. God shares in our suffering
4. Suffering is a test
5. Suffering is a result of sin
6. Suffering allows us to become better people
7. The story of Job



Trinity

- God the Father—All-powerful, all-knowing God who created the world.
- Jesus Christ—Jesus is the son of God, God in human form.
- Holy Spirit—God sent the Holy Spirit to guide Christians, comfort, encourage and teach them.
- Charismatic Christians believe that they can 'speak in tongues' because of the Holy Spirit.



Creation & the Fall—Literalist

- The story is true in every detail. God created in six days, rested on the seventh. Adam & Eve ate the fruit of knowledge and brought sin into the world

Creation & the Fall—Non-literalist

- The story is symbolic & needs to be interpreted.
- The word 'day' can mean 24 hours or time. The Big bang theory is more plausible

The Word & Spirit are believed to have been involved in creation.