



Year 8 into 9 Summer bridging work

| Topic | Important Knowledge | Key information to know | Links to find more information | Activities: Test yourself! |
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| Universal Church | CAFOD SVP Features of the chapel Bible Hierarchy of the Church | The Catholic Church is a worldwide Church. There are Catholics living in all countries around the world. CAFOD is a Catholic charity that works internationally and SVP is a Catholic charity that helps people in this country. In all Catholic churches there is an altar, a tabernacle, a crucifix and a lectern. The Bible is the Christian holy book that teaches Christians about God and Jesus. The Old Testament is about life before Jesus and the New Testament is about the life of Jesus and the early Church. In the Catholic Christian Church there are deacons, priests, bishops, archbishops, cardinals and the Pope. | Inside a Catholic Church: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdi9CK7-gj4 | Name one thing a Catholic charity does to help others. Can you explain the importance of the key features of a Catholic Church? Give an example of something a priest has to do as part of his role. |
| Prayer | ACTS Spontaneous prayer Traditional Prayer Prayer posture Catholic prayer symbols | When Christians pray they say prayers of adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and supplication. They can choose to say traditional prayers like the Our Father or say spontaneous prayers using their own words. When Catholics pray they might use something to help them to focus. For example, the Rosary beads can be used to count the number of Hail Mary's or focusing on a symbol like the Alpha and Omega reminds Catholics that Jesus is the beginning and the end. | Catholic symbols: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z9ppjty/revision/2 | Do you know what adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and supplication mean? Can you recite any Catholic traditional prayers? |
| Advent | Liturgical Year Incarnation | The Liturgical Year follows the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It starts at the end of November, 4 weeks before Christmas, with Advent. This is a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus the saviour. Christians believe | The Liturgical Year: https://www.thirdrva.org/blog/telling-time-differently-as-christ-followers | Draw out and label a Liturgical Year diagram. |



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| | | Jesus was God in human form. This is called the incarnation. | | |
| Sacraments | Definition of sacrament Sacraments of Initiation Healing Vocation Symbols | A sacrament is an outward sign of God's inward grace. Grace is God's love. When Catholics receive the sacraments they receive God's love. There are three Sacraments of Initiation: baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. They make a person a full member of the Catholic Church. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are healing sacraments and the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Marriage are vocational sacraments. | The Seven Sacraments: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zh4f3k7/revision/1 | Can you name the 7 sacraments by heart? |
| Lent | Ash Wednesday Holy Week Last Supper Meaning of Jesus' death Meaning of Jesus' resurrection | Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Christians remember the 40 days and nights Jesus spent in the desert being tempted. During Lent Christians fast, pray, and give alms. Holy Week is the last week of Jesus' life. It begins on Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday Christians remember the Last Supper. On Good Friday Christians remember Jesus' death, he died to save us from sin and on Easter Sunday Christians remember his resurrection which shows that he really was the Son of God. | Holy Week and Easter: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkxpv4/articles/z4t6rj6 | Describe three things that happened during Holy Week. |
| Big Questions | Who is God? Miracles Free will Sanctity of Life Morality | Christians believe that God is omnipotent, omnibenevolent and omniscient. Jesus was God in human form (incarnation). He performed miracles; he healed people, had power over nature and forgave sins. Christians believe that all life is holy (sacred). Christians believe that God gave us free will to make our own choices but He also created humans with an inbuilt knowledge of what is right and wrong, this is called Natural Moral Law to help us to know how to use our free will. | The Creation Story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMDWWDZ8ozE&t=4s Think about - what does this story tell us about who God is? | Can you define the key terms: Omnipotent Omnibenevolent Omniscient Miracle Free will Morality Natural Moral Law Sanctity of Life |



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| <p>People of the Old Testament</p> | <p>Abraham Isaac Moses 10 Commandments</p> | <p>Abraham was called by God to leave his home and go to the Promised Land. He had a son called Isaac. It is from the line of Isaac that Judaism and Christianity come from. God called Moses to free the Israelites from slavery. God gave Moses the 10 Commandments.</p> | <p>Abraham's story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdqrwGJYePQ</p> | <p>Describe how God freed the Israelites from slavery.</p> |
| <p>Life of Jesus</p> | <p>Annunciation Incarnation Miracles Parables Holy Week Resurrection Ascension</p> | <p>The Annunciation is when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her she would be the mother of God. Christians believe Jesus was God in human form. Jesus showed he was God by performing miracles; he healed people, forgave people and had power over nature. Jesus used parables to show people how God wanted them to live and what the Kingdom of God would be like. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and is the last week of Jesus' life. Jesus died on Good Friday to save us from sin. He rose 3 days later showing he was the Son of God. 40 days after the resurrection, Jesus went up to heaven, this is called the ascension.</p> | <p>Holy Week in 3 minutes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdrPhxqRP9I&t=14s</p> | <p>Can you name the key events of Holy Week? Can you explain any of Jesus' parables?</p> |
| <p>Judaism</p> | <p>Abraham Moses 10 Commandments Pesach Shabbat</p> | <p>God made three covenants with Abraham. He promised him land, many descendents and that all nations would be blessed through Abraham. God called Moses to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and gave him the 10 Commandments. Jews remember the escape from Egypt each year during the festival of Pesach. Each week Jews celebrate Shabbat, this the day of rest starting at dusk on Friday for 25 hours.</p> | <p>My Life, My Religion: Judaism: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lb-oCtDEh_w&t=1s</p> | <p>Can you explain the importance of Pesach for Jews?</p> |
| <p>Mission and Evangelism</p> | <p>Definitions St Peter's mission St Paul' mission</p> | <p>Mission means being sent out with a job or function to perform and evangelism means preaching the world of God. Jesus chose St Peter to be the first leader of the Church. He was the first Pope. St Paul converted to Christianity</p> | <p>CAFOD: https://cafod.org.uk/ SVP:</p> | <p>Give examples of how CAFOD and SVP continue Jesus' mission today.</p> |



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| | CAFOD SVP | after Jesus' ascension. He went on many journeys to spread Jesus' message and wrote letters to many communities. Catholic charities today continue Jesus' mission by helping those in need. | https://www.svp.org.uk/ | |
| How can I believe in God? | Theist, atheist, agnostic | A theist is someone who believes in God. An atheist is someone who does not believe in God. An agnostic is someone who is unsure about whether or not God exists. | What do different religions believe about God? https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt | Name three things that Christians believe about God. |