



Unit of work:

What is the Kingdom of God and what do Christians believe about the afterlife?

Year group:

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Prior learning:

- Why Christmas is celebrated by Christians
- The Christian creation story
- Why the Bible is special to Christians
- Why Jesus is important to Christians today
- How Jesus taught about God and values through parables
- How Jesus is portrayed through art around the world

RE Skills to develop

- I can discuss my own and other's spiritual experiences and find connections between communities.
- I can explore and make personal informed responses to ultimate questions.
- I can explain the religions and worldviews which I encounter clearly, reasonably and coherently.

Knowledge/skills

The Kingdom of God

The kingdom of God was one of Jesus' most talked about topics, but it's hardly a well-grasped concept for believers today. If you asked a group of people to define it, you would probably get a variety of answers. In the vast majority of instances it would be better to translate the expression "kingdom of God" as the "rule of God."

Many people think of the kingdom of God as heaven or as the church. However, the kingdom of God is not an actual physical place. A working definition of God's kingdom from a biblical perspective can be seen as God's universal reign as Creator and Christ's exhaustive work as Redeemer. Since God is eternal, His kingdom is eternal. The Kingdom of God transcends time and space.

Vocabulary and definitions

Word	Definition
Values	Principles or standards of behaviour; one's judgement of what is important in life.
Charity	An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.
Compassion	Sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.
Eternity	Infinite or unending time.
Heaven	A place regarded in various religions as the abode of God (or the gods) and the angels, and of the good after death, often traditionally depicted as being above the sky.

Key stories

The Parable of the mustard seed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifKH0-y70 I>

The Parable of the great feast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEbwiQvo5 k4>

The Parable of the Pearl

Artefacts and symbols

