



### What should I already know?

- God can take many forms and can be named differently.
- Each different religion has a different name for their God.
- Christians believe that God liberating and follow all his teachings.
- Christians believe that the 'The Ten Commandments' are life rules.
- God can take the form of Father, Spirit, Son, eternal, almighty, holy, shepherd, rock, fortress and light all taken from the Bible.

### Key Knowledge

- Understand and define the terms 'theist', 'atheist' and 'agnostic'.
- Atheists believe one of 4 main theories – The Big Bang, Evolution, evil and suffering and there is no proof in God.
- More people in Cinderford believe in a God than not (according to Census 2011)
- There are different Gods in all religions (see other box).
- Christians use Biblical metaphors for God including: Spirit, Father and almighty.
- Religious people believe that there is a God and follow his teachings.
- Non-religious people believe that there is no God.
- Theists believe that family background influences your faith.
- People say religious experiences or have experienced 'the presence of God' can influence their faith.
- Atheists believe science over religion.
- Pupils to know the difference between: **Fact** – has evidence to support an idea and has been proved true. **Belief** – an acceptance that something is true without proof. **Opinion** – a judgment formed about something not necessary based around fact of knowledge.

### Values

- Challenge** What challenges do theists, agnostics and atheists face to share their viewpoint?
- Commit** How do theists commit to supporting God?
- Conquer** How do people conquer the different viewpoints in order to form their own view?
- Celebrate** How do scientists celebrate the creation of the world?



### Key facts and figures

Founder: Jesus of Nazareth  
 Sacred Text: Bible  
 Place of Origin: Roman Judea – Present day Israel.  
 Sacred building: Cathedral / church  
 Holy Place: Jerusalem  
 Originated: 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD – when Christ died.

### Technical vocabulary Mat

theist	A person who believes in the existence of a God
atheist	A person who disbelieves in the existence of Gods.
agnostic	A person who believes that nothing is known or can be known about the existence of God.
eternal	Lasting forever.
monotheist	Believe in one God.
almighty	Having complete power.
philosophers	A person who has studied the nature of knowledge, reality and existence and these are considered an academic.
causation	the action of making something happen
omnipotent	All-powerful
benevolent	Well meaning and kindly.
omniscient	Knowing everything
liberating	Providing a release from a situation which limits freedom

### Different types of God across religions

- Christianity – Jesus Christ
- Islam – Allah
- Judaism – Yahweh (Jehovah)
- Hinduism – Shiva
- Buddhism – Buddha (Siddhartha Gautama)
- Sikhism – Akal Murat