





## Religious Education ~ Skills Ladder

	End of EYFS	End of Key Stage 1	End of Lower Key Stage 2	End of Upper Key Stage 2
New key vocabulary	Creation, God, pray, worship,	Forgiveness, Creator,	Trinity, Good Friday, The Fall,	Omnipotent , Eternal
	Christian, belonging,	universe, gospel, charity,	sin, reconciliation, symbols,	Proverb, Messiah
	school values, celebrate,	faith, community, parables,	Eucharist/communion,	Prophecy, Prophet, Kingdom
	festival, Harvest, incarnation,	Holy week, Easter Sunday	courageous advocates, Laws,	of God, holy, creationist,
	Nativity, Christmas, Salvation	Crucifixion, Resurrection,	Holy Spirit, Pentecost, Good	evolution, justice, respect,
	Bible, Easter, Lent, Jesus	Baptism, Old Testament,	Friday, Last Supper,	saviour, humanist
		New Testament	(Faiths, beliefs, celebrations,	(Comparisons of faiths and
		(Faiths, special places, books	key figures and festivals to fit	world views to fit curriculum)
		and stories to fit curriculum)	curriculum)	
Explore ~	Listen to religious stories and	Explore religious stories and	Explore the origins of texts	Outline the timeline of the
know about and	talk about their meaning.	teachings	and understand where they	'big story' of the Bible,
understand			fit onto a timeline	explaining the place within it
text, beliefs and context	Recognise some religious	Identify features of different		of the core concepts studied
text) beliefs and context	words and symbols	religious texts (e.g. parables,	Make clear links with	
		historical, poetry)	religious text and the	Explain connections between
			concepts studied	key theological terms and
		Retell religious stories and		religious texts
		recognise a link with a	Explore a wider variety of	
		concept (e.g. Incarnation,	forms of religious literature	Suggest meanings for
		Salvation, nature of God)	found in a range of sacred	religious texts and compare
			books and identify	their ideas both within the
		Give clear accounts of what	characteristics of each genre	class and also with ways in
		the religious texts might		which people of faith
		mean to believers	Discuss and offer opinions	interpret those texts
			on what texts might mean to	
			believers	







Relate ~	Know about some religious	Understand how people	Make clear links between	Understand and explain the
identify how actions of	festivals	from different faiths worship	religious text, beliefs and	connection between
believers are impacted by		and be able to identify key	practices (e.g. The Last	religious text and what
beliefs	Know about how some	symbolic actions and	Supper, salvation and	people of faith believe, how
Deli e i s	people express their beliefs	language used within	Communion)	they behave in their own
	(e.g. what happens in	worship		lives, in their faith
	church)		Identify the main	communities and the view
		Recognise how people of	characteristics of an act of	they have of the wider world
	Begin to understand what is	faith celebrate key festivals	worship and discuss about	
	important to some people of		the importance of worship	Identify the influences on,
	faith	Explore and recognise	for believers	and distinguish between
		features of religious life and		different viewpoints within
		practices including ways that	Show understanding of the	the same religious or non-
		people of faith celebrate key	ways of belonging to	religious viewpoint (e.g. the
		milestones in a person's life	religions and what these	range of beliefs about the
			involve (e.g. baptism, 5Ks)	creation of the world
		Begin to compare the		amongst Christians)
		features of different	Show an understanding of	
		religions and beliefs –	how religious beliefs ideas	
		recognising differences and	and feelings can be	Observe and interpret a wide
		similarities between faiths	expressed in a variety of	range of ways in which a
			forms (e.g. symbols and art	view point or belief can be
		Identify ways in which	work representing the	expressed
		religious texts impact how	Trinity)	
		believers live		Understand the challenges a
			Investigate some features of	person may face when living
			key religious festivals and	out their faith in today's
			celebrations and identify	world
			similarities and difference in	
			how different faiths	
			recognise key times	







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Apply ~	Show interest in the world	Reflect on examples of how	Raise questions about issues	Make links between beliefs
understand and reflect	around them and ask	believers live and consider	that cause people to wonder	and actions. Understand
upon how the learning	questions about what they	how this impacts the world	and to have faith. Consider	how these can have an
can relate to our own	see and experience	that we share	how the concept studied	impact locally, nationally and
lives and the world			might make a difference to	internationally
around us	Begin to express their own	Reflect on examples of how	how we think and live	
around us	opinions and thoughts about	believers live and consider		Explore how beliefs can
	the religious material	what we can learn from that	Raise questions about issues	impact on the big issues of
	studied	for our own lives	that cause people to wonder	the day e.g. the
			and to have faith. Consider	environment, poverty,
	Begin to understand what is	Consider, through	how the concept studied	injustice
	important to themselves	discussion, whether	might make a difference to	
		particular religious text have	the wider world around us	Explain how the concepts
		anything to say on how we		studied have challenged or
		should live	Make links with religious	inspired our own thinking
			teachings and what we see	and actions
			in the world around us	
			(e.g. laws, legal system, acts	Be able to present
			of kindness and courageous	thoughtfully and with
			advocacy)	respect their own and others
				views. Considering how
			Ask questions about the	these views have been
			significant experiences of	formed
			key figures from religions	
			studied and suggest ways	
			that we may learn from their	
			lives	