

KS2 Unit 4, Lesson 3: The Christian Salvation Story

Context: Previously pupils will have:

- Learnt that Christians believe that God created everything and that creation is good.
- Learnt the story from the Bible of the creation of Adam and Eve, their temptation and fall

Overview:

- Children will understand the Christian belief that God sent Jesus into the world to save humanity

Essential core: Explain the Christian salvation story and that it makes four main claims: 1. God created a perfect world 2. Humanity went wrong 3. To save humanity, God had a salvation plan 4. God entered into the world as Jesus Christ who saved humanity.

Resources: Bibles, pictures, writing cards (attached).

Vocabulary: sin, fall, humanity, creation

INTRODUCTION:

Remind children of the question we are looking at: What does it mean to be a Christian?

First we are going to look at a 'think about it question' and then consider how a Christian might answer this question. Show the question: Are people basically good or bad? Allow children time to think of their own ideas, then share them with a partner, and then talk about their ideas as a whole class, encouraging them to listen to one another, and to respectfully agree or disagree and share their own point of view.

ACTIVITY 1:

Look up some Bible verses to consider how a Christian might answer this question: Genesis 1.21 and Romans 3.23 (depending on how able children are at looking up Bible verses, you could either give them the page numbers for the verses, or give them the verses written out on cards.) How might these verses help us to think about how a Christian might answer the question: God made everything and saw that it was good - so people are good (Genesis) but people have sinned (turned against God) and gone their own way - so people are also bad. Simplistically, Christians believe that people are made in God's image so have huge potential for good, but also are fallen and have huge potential for sin. So a Christian might answer the question by saying that people are a mixture of the two.

ACTIVITY 2:

Give children the pictures and writing cards to put together, to show what Christians believe about people and their relationship with God. Can they match the pictures and writing up and then put them in order, sticking them on to an A3 piece of paper?

Differentiation: Extension - look up other Bible verses (Genesis 1.31, Romans 3.23, John 3.16) and see if they can match the Bible verse with the picture/writing. Or write their own questions or comments next to the pictures and writing.

PLENARY

Allow children to ask questions about what they have learned and to say whether they agree or disagree with the pictures and writing, giving reasons.