

KS2 Unit 3, Lesson 5: Christianity – Why do Christians read the Bible (1)

Context: In this lesson, we are asking pupils to understand how reading the Bible changes the way that Christians live. They will explore the message of the Beatitudes told through the Bible story Matthew 5:1-12 and 43-46 and understand what unconditional love means to Christians and non-Christians alike. They will go on to see how Christians live out these beliefs in their everyday lives and to understand that Jesus is love.

Overview:

- Understand what Jesus said about selfless, unconditional love in the Beatitudes.
- Reflect on how Christians live out these beliefs through their everyday lives.

Essential core:

To have a clear understanding of Agape - selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love.

Resources: Bibles. Images of The Beatitudes reproduced in a variety of ways including a clear version of the words. Words of The Beatitudes on cards for each group to discuss.

<http://request.org.uk/jesus/teaching/the-sermon-on-the-mountain-introduction>

Vocabulary:

Beatitudes, Agape - selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love

INTRODUCTION:

Show illustrated examples of The Beatitudes. Discuss importance of a story document that it is reproduced and sold / widely available on the Internet etc. there are numerous versions of decorated Beatitudes, Church of The Beatitudes, bookmarks etc.

Use KQ to support discussion.

Key Questions:

What are The Beatitudes?

Why are they important to Christians?

What do they mean?

Why were they written?

What is selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love?

STORY:

Watch the video of the beatitudes.

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BEATITUDES (Matthew 5:1-12 &43-46) (with background) - see notes

Sermon on the mount- share the story, reading from the Bible passage using same version of The Bible either Good News or NIV (child friendly) read with the children.

Explain/find out/explore meaning of 'blessed' (as a word in its own right) then through the words of the beatitudes. Use resources below to explain and give illustrations of how the messages can be applied today.

Plenary:

Discuss; what does the word blessed mean? What are the key messages from The Beatitudes?

Differentiation: group pupils to support less able learners.

Formative assessment:

Write - what is agape?