

Overview of Units

Year 6

2b.2

CREATION/FALL Creation and science: conflict or complementary?

This unit considers the purpose of the *Genesis* creation text and Psalm 8. Explore how Christians view the text differently, some literally, others as an image of why not how the world was made. Ref to Picturing Christianity pack. Invite local Christian scientist in to talk about their science skills and their faith, how do they read *Genesis* 1? (eg doctors, vets, dentists, etc.) Research architects and churches and cathedrals - how do they link with Psalm 8?

2b.6

SALVATION: What did Jesus do to save human beings? Easter

Many Christians explain the death of Jesus as a sacrifice. In the Old Testament, people would offer sacrifices of a young goat or lamb to show that they were sorry for their sins and to acknowledge that sins demand a punishment. However, sacrifice only brought people back to God until their next sinful rebellion against God. One way of seeing Jesus' death is to argue that he willingly gave up his own life in order to take on for himself the punishment for all sin for all people. Isaiah 53, Old Testament reflecting prophecy for the Messiah to be a 'suffering servant'. The unit includes reflecting on the events of Easter. It also examines how Christians remember Jesus' death through the celebration of Communion/Eucharist/Mass/Lord's Supper. Find out about Christians who have made sacrifices for their faith eg Corrie Ten Boom, Gladys Aylward or examples from your local community. Explore the reason why Christians were (and still are) prepared to die for their faith.

2b.8	<u>KINGDOM OF GOD: What kind of King is Jesus?</u> The Kingdom of God is, in essence, where God rules - not a geographical territory, but in human hearts and minds, lives and communities. For Christians today, across the World, being a member of the community of God is a precious gift, and a challenge. This unit focuses on several parables which illustrate aspects of the Kingdom of God - 'the feast' about inclusivity, 'the tenants in the vineyard' focuses on God's patience and 'the unforgiving servant' illustrates that membership of the Kingdom of God brings both blessings and obligations. There is also work looking at the first part of the Lord's Prayer. Find out about the work of Oasis churches, the Salvation Army, Church Action on Poverty, Traidcraft, Prison Fellowship or Barnardo's.
U2.7	<u>Glos Syllabus - Why do Hindus try to be good?</u> <u>Double Unit</u> This unit looks at the Hindu belief of trying to escape the cycle of life, death and rebirth. It looks at the four aims of life and can be compared with goals for living through different stages of life.
U2.12	<u>Glos Syllabus - How does faith help people when life gets hard?</u> This unit looks at how religions guide people in how to respond to good and hard times in life and how their religion helps them respond to the challenges of life. It looks at ceremonies that mark death and the beliefs of different religions about the afterlife. It also explores what people think heaven is like.