

Key Vocabulary	
Christianity	The religion followed by Christians.
Judaism	The religion followed by Jews.
Jesus	The founder of Christianity .
Ten Commandments	Ten rules given by God for people to live by.
The Trinity	The three separate forms that God is known by.
Old Testament	The first (and biggest) part of the Bible, written before Jesus was born.






Christianity


Christianity is one of the five main world religions. It began after the death of **Jesus**.

Jesus was born a Jew and **Christianity** originally developed as part of **Judaism**.

There are a number of symbols associated with **Christianity**:

The words 'Christian' and '**Christianity**' come from the name, '**Jesus** Christ.'




The Son of God

Christians believe that **Jesus** was the son of God and that he came to Earth to teach people about God's message. **Jesus** is also known as **Jesus** Christ, **Jesus** of Nazareth, The Good Shepherd, Lamb of God, Light of the World, and Bread of Life.

The Trinity

Christians believe in **the Trinity**. There is one God, but He is three separate people: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is sometimes known as the Holy Ghost.



The Ten Commandments

These ten rules were given by God. They can be found in the **Old Testament**. Christians try to live their lives by following the **Ten Commandments**.

I
You shall have no gods before me

II
You shall not make any idols to worship

III
You shall not take the Lord's name in vain

IV
Remember and keep the Sabbath holy

V
Honor your father and mother

VI
You shall not kill

VII
You shall not commit adultery

VIII
You shall not steal

IX
You shall not bear false witness

X
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife nor goods

Key Vocabulary	
pilgrimage	A journey to visit a religious site.
Catholic	A member of the Roman Catholic church – a denomination (group) of Christianity .
miracles	Amazing events that occur, but cannot be explained.
resurrection	When Jesus rose from the dead.
Lent	The 40 days leading up to Easter. Christians often give something up for Lent .
fasting	To fast is to not eat or drink for a particular length of time.
New Testament	The second part of the Bible, which was written after Jesus was born.

Special Places

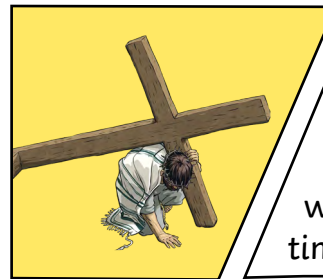
Some Christians **pilgrimage** to holy places, such as Jerusalem (where **Jesus** died), Bethlehem (where **Jesus** was born) and Nazareth (where **Jesus** grew up).



Catholics may **pilgrimage** to Lourdes, in France, where **miracles** were said to have occurred, or Rome, in Italy, where the Pope (the head of the **Catholic** church) lives.

The Anglican Church

Another denomination of **Christianity** is the Anglican church. This group also includes the Church of England. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the most senior bishop of the Church of England. Canterbury is where the first church was built in England.



Easter and Christmas are important Christian **Festivals**. Christmas celebrates **Jesus'** birth and Easter celebrates **Jesus'** death and **resurrection**. Christians believe that **Jesus** died for their sins and that one day he will come again. During **Lent**, Christians remember **Jesus'** time **fasting** and praying in the desert.

The Bible

The Christian holy book is the Bible. It has two parts: the **Old Testament** and the **New Testament**. There are over 66 books within the Bible, which include letters, laws, poems and stories.

