


Religious Education knowledge organiser – Year 8 – Christianity – Cycle 1 †

1.1. Origin of faith	
Abrahamic faiths 	Judaism, Christianity and Islam are together known as the Abrahamic faiths. All of them trace their origins back to one man: Ibrahim or Abraham.

Core concepts are explored in the Bible

1.2. Core concepts	
Creation	The creating of the universe , especially when regarded as an act of God.
Fall	This is where Christians believe that Eve ate the apple in the Garden of Eden (Eve sinned). This led to a separation between God and humans.
Incarnation	God in human form.
Gospel	'Good news' – Jesus' life in the New Testament
Salvation	This is the idea that Jesus saved humans and their relationship with God was restored. He saved humans through his death and resurrection.
Kingdom of God	This is a world in which humans live in the way that God intended. They do this by following the example of Jesus.

1.3. Bible	
Old Testament	This is the first part of the Bible. It contains stories before the life of Jesus Christ. The Tenakh (holy Jewish Bible) contains the same stories.
New Testament	This is the second part of the Bible.

1.4. Jesus	
Messiah	Saviour – Jesus seen to be a saviour of humankind by Christians.
Saviour	A saviour is someone who saves someone from danger or difficulty.
Trinity	'Three in one' – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus is known as the Son.
The Word	Jesus Christ
Seven Sayings of Jesus	These are seven statements in John's Gospel, which tell us what Jesus is like.
'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes through the Father except through me.'	One of the seven sayings.
Resurrection	Christians believe that Jesus came back to life. It is believed that Jesus saved the relationship between God and humans through his death and resurrection.

NT contains stories about Jesus.