

# Christian Beliefs



## Starter Activity

What do Christians believe?

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### God and Jesus

Christians believe in one God, they also call him the Father. They believe that he sent his son, Jesus Christ, to show people a good way to live their lives.

Jesus' most important messages from God were to love God and look after one another.

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**Christians believe that God created the world.**

God said “Let there be light!” and there was light. God separated light and dark and called the light “day” and the darkness “night”. On the second day God made the earth and sky. On day three, God created the land and seas, along with plant and trees. On the fourth day, God created the sun, moon and stars then on the fifth day, the birds and sea creatures. On the sixth day, God made animals and Adam and Eve. On the final day, God rested.

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## Christmas

Christmas is a very special time of year for Christians because it remembers the time when Jesus was born.

At this time of year, many Christians visit church to sing carols and give thanks for the baby Jesus. People also give and receive gifts to remind them of the gift of the baby Jesus.

Families and friends get together to celebrate Christmas Day which is on the 25th December every year.

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## Easter

Easter is the most important time of year for Christians because it remembers and celebrates when Jesus came back to life three days after he died on the cross.

The week before Easter is called Holy Week.

Many Christians celebrate Easter by visiting church and giving, receiving and eating Easter eggs, which signify new life.

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## Prayer

Christians believe that praying is a way of speaking with God. People can pray to give thanks, ask for help or to ask for forgiveness.

Christians pray together, on their own in church or at home. Some people like to focus on a cross or candle to help them think about God.

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# The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is a very special prayer to Christians. Read it and think about what the words might mean.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On Earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.

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### Following God's rules

These are God's rules set out in the Bible, the Christian holy book. Christians believe that following these rules will help them to lead a good and happy life.

- Love God more than all others.
- Don't make anything more important than God.
- Always use God's name with love and respect.
- Rest on a Sunday.
- Love and respect your parents.
- Never hurt others.
- Be faithful to your husband or wife.
- Don't steal.
- Always tell the truth.
- Be happy with what you have.

