



Waterbeach Community Primary School

Curriculum Capture for Year 5 Religious Education

How can following God bring freedom and justice?

Key Knowledge and Beliefs

Who are the People of God?

The People of God are chosen by God to be his special people and he entered into an agreement with them, promising to love and guide them. In return, he gives guidance on how to remain in a relationship with them. The people have to keep their side of the agreement. Forgiveness is on offer for failure, but it should not be taken lightly. Through the course of the Old Testament, Christians see a model of God having a relationship with people. Through choosing to follow Jesus, Christians see themselves as becoming members of the People of God.

Who was Moses?

The story of Moses is from approximately 1400BC. At that time, the Israelites were the Egyptians' slaves. Following a lengthy struggle, Moses led the Israelites to freedom. God then presented Moses and the Israelites with the Ten Commandments and explained that if they followed these rules, they would be saved forever.

What are the Ten Commandments?

Christians believe that God gave humans a set of guidelines for living to keep them close to him. These guidelines are called the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments were revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai. They are: You shall have no other gods before me; You shall not worship any idols; You shall not use the name of God in vain; The Sabbath day should be kept holy; Honour your mother and father; You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet what your neighbour has.

What do Christians believe about the Ten Commandments?

Christians believe that by following God's commandments they will achieve freedom and justice for themselves and others. They try to do so by helping those in need, such as through charitable organisations. They also believe that many of the Ten Commandments can be followed by anyone, regardless of who or what they believe in.



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Vocabulary

The Old Testament	The first part of the Christian holy book, The Bible, and believed to be the Word of God.
The Israelites	Ancient people referred to in the Old Testament.
Enslavement	The state of being a slave.
Exodus	The part of The Bible which explains how the Israelites were led from Egypt. It also means a mass departure of people.
Covenant	An agreement or pact.
Salvation	Being saved from harm. In Christianity, it refers to being saved from sin and its consequences.
Atheist	A person who does not believe in God or a higher power.

Key Texts and Links

The story of Moses - The Book of Exodus <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+1&version=NIV>

The Covenant at Sinai - Exodus 19:3-6 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+19%3A+3-6&version=NIV>

The Ten Commandments - Exodus Chapter 20 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+20&version=NIV>