



Waterbeach Community Primary School

Curriculum Capture for Year 1/2 Religious Education:

What is the good news Jesus brings?

Key Knowledge and Beliefs

What is a gospel?

The word **gospel** means "good news". In Christianity, the term "good news" refers to the story of Jesus Christ's birth, death, and resurrection.



Are the teachings from the gospel only for Christians?

Christians believe Jesus brings good news for all people. This good news includes being loved by God, and being forgiven for bad things, Jesus is a friend to the poor and friendless and Jesus' teachings make people think hard about how to live and show them the right way.

Christians thank God for good gifts, but everyone feels better if they give thanks to other people too.

What can we learn from gospel?

Jesus' good news of friendship, peace and forgiveness.

Jesus' teaching of good news challenges how Christians try to live.

Friendship

- Helping/ giving to others, helping the homeless, giving to charity.

Forgiveness

- Say sorry in church
- Christians often say these prayers together in church, or privately in their own prayers; some Christians confess to a priest.

Peace

- Peace inside: sit somewhere calm and peaceful, look at something beautiful in nature or at church
- Peace between people: Forgiving others for their actions
- Peace with God: Jesus says God forgives people if they are sorry.

What does the gospel mean for Christians?

Christians teach that Jesus brought good news because he was a friend to those left out by other people. Jesus welcomes everyone, he is a friend to the friendless.

God forgives people who say sorry. Jesus gave God's forgiveness to everyone who was sorry, forgiveness if you go wrong.

Jesus' promised to his disciples 'My peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid.' Jesus' first followers went through many troubles, but they had peace in their hearts. Christians today find peace in their faith too because Jesus gives his followers peace.

Why do Christians pray?

People pray because Jesus taught them to do so. Christians pray because they think God is listening, and sometimes God answers prayers in good or surprising ways.

Why Christians might pray

- They had a great day.
- They feel afraid.
- Someone they love is ill.
- They're looking for a friend.
- They are watching a lovely sunset.
- Someone has been unkind to them.
- They've done something they are sorry about.
- They saw a TV story



Prayer

Christians believe that God hears all prayers: sometimes he answers by saying 'yes' to prayers, and sometimes he says 'no', or 'wait'

Vocabulary

Christians	People who believe in the teachings of Jesus.
God	In the Christian church God is the creator and ruler of the universe.
Jesus	The son of God.
Disciples	A personal follower of Christ during his life.
Prayer	A request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God.