



# YEAR 5 CHRISTIANITY



## CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is one of the world's largest religions, with over two billion followers. People who follow Christianity are called Christians. They believe in one God and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, who is the central figure of Christianity. Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that he came to Earth to teach people how to live with love, kindness, and faith.

## WHO IS JESUS

Jesus Christ was born over 2,000 years ago in a town called Bethlehem. Christians believe that he was sent by God to teach people how to live good and faithful lives. He performed miracles, such as healing the sick, calming storms, and feeding thousands of people with very little food.

Jesus also told parables, which are short stories with important moral lessons. Some of his most famous parables include:

- The Good Samaritan – A lesson about helping others, even strangers.
- The Prodigal Son – A story about forgiveness and second chances.
- The Lost Sheep – A story showing that God cares for everyone, even those who have gone astray.

Jesus was later arrested, put on trial, and crucified. Christians believe that three days later, he rose from the dead, an event called the Resurrection. This is the most important event in Christianity, as it shows that Jesus had power over death and brought hope to all people.

## CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

Christians believe in one God, who created the world and cares for all people. They believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that he came to save humanity from sin.

Christianity teaches that people should:

- Love one another and show kindness.
- Forgive others, even when they make mistakes.
- Help those in need and be generous.
- Pray and have faith in God.
- Follow the teachings of Jesus to live a good life.



## THE PLACE OF WORSHIP – THE CHURCH

Christians gather to worship in a church. Churches can look different in each country, but many have a cross on the outside, which is the main symbol of Christianity. Inside, there are rows of seats, an altar, and sometimes beautiful stained-glass windows that show scenes from the Bible.

Christians usually go to church on Sundays, which is their holy day. A church service often includes:

- Prayers to thank God and ask for help.
- Hymns (religious songs) that praise God.
- Bible readings to learn lessons from Scripture.
- A sermon, where a priest or pastor explains the teachings of Jesus.

## THE HOLY BOOK – THE BIBLE

The Bible is the sacred book of Christianity. It is divided into two main parts:

- The Old Testament – This contains stories and teachings from before Jesus was born, including the story of Noah's Ark, Moses, and the Ten Commandments.
- The New Testament – This tells the story of Jesus' life, his teachings, his death, and his resurrection. It also includes letters written by his followers about how to live as a Christian.

The Bible teaches Christians how to live a faithful and good life. It is read in churches and at home, and many Christians learn and remember key verses from it.

## CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Christianity has several important symbols, but the most well-known is the cross. The cross represents Jesus' sacrifice and reminds Christians of his love for the world. Many churches display a cross, and some Christians wear one as a necklace.

Another important symbol is the fish (often called the "Ichthys"), which was used in the early days of Christianity to identify believers. The dove is also a Christian symbol, representing peace and the Holy Spirit.

## MAIN CELEBRATIONS

Christians celebrate many important events during the year. The two most important are:

- Christmas (25th December) – This celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. People go to church, sing carols, give gifts, and spend time with family. It is a joyful time of year that reminds Christians of God's gift to the world.



- Easter – This is the most important Christian celebration. It remembers the Resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion. Easter is a time of joy, and many Christians go to church, take part in special services, and spend time with family.

Other Christian celebrations include:

- Good Friday – The day Jesus was crucified.
- Pentecost – The day Christians believe the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers.

## CHRISTIAN VALUES

Christianity teaches people to be kind, honest, and forgiving. Some of the key values in Christianity include:

- Love – Caring for others and showing kindness.
- Forgiveness – Letting go of anger and giving people second chances.
- Honesty – Always telling the truth.
- Helping Others – Giving to those in need and supporting the poor.
- Faith – Trusting in God and believing in his guidance.

## CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS

There are different groups within Christianity, called denominations. These groups may have different traditions and ways of worshipping, but they all believe in Jesus Christ. The three main denominations are:

- Catholic – The largest Christian group, led by the Pope in Rome.
- Protestant – This includes many churches, such as Anglican, Baptist, and Methodist.
- Orthodox – Found mostly in Eastern Europe and Russia, with beautiful churches and long traditions.

## CHRISTIANITY AROUND THE WORLD

Christianity is followed by people in many different countries and cultures. Churches can be found all over the world, and Christians pray in many different languages.

Christianity has also influenced history, art, music, and literature. Many famous paintings, sculptures, and songs were inspired by Christian stories and beliefs.

## WHY IS CHRISTIANITY IMPORTANT?

Christianity has shaped the world in many ways. It has inspired people to help others, build schools and hospitals, and work for peace and justice. Many charities today, such as Christian Aid and The Salvation Army, help people in need because of Christian values.

Christians try to follow Jesus' example by being loving, forgiving, and kind to everyone.



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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What are the two main parts of the Bible, and what do they contain?
2. Why is the Resurrection of Jesus important to Christians?
3. What are the three main Christian denominations, and how are they different?
4. What are some of the key values that Christianity teaches?
5. What are some of the important symbols in Christianity, and what do they represent?