





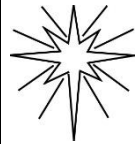





Key terms		Key Teachings	
<p><b>Benevolent</b> God's nature as all-loving.</p> <p><b>Bethlehem</b> A town in Jerusalem, the birthplace of Jesus.</p> <p><b>Incarnation</b> God becoming flesh in the form of Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>Just</b> God's nature as fair.</p> <p><b>Messiah</b> A leader regarded as the saviour of a particular country, group or cause.</p> <p><b>Nativity</b> Story of the birth of Jesus.</p> <p><b>Monotheistic</b> A religion which believes in one God.</p> <p><b>Polytheistic</b> Belief in more than one God.</p> <p><b>Prophets</b> Messengers of God, claim to have heard the 'Word of God'.</p>	<p>Before the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) there were older religions, they believed in more than one God, known as <b>polytheistic</b>.</p> <p>Judaism = 4000 years old Christianity = 2000 years old. Islam = 1400 years old.</p> <p>They taught there was 1 God, known as <b>monotheistic</b>.</p>  	<p>Information about God comes from religion. For many years, this was not written down. It was passed down generations, known as the 'oral tradition'. Eventually, the stories, laws and special writings were written down in Holy Books.</p> <p>Prophets claim to have heard the 'Word of God' and shared it with others. They are messengers from God.</p>	<p><b>Key Teachings</b></p> <p>"We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit."</p> <p>"I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth."</p>
	<p><b>The Nature of God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Believe in <b>one God</b> (monotheism) who is the creator and the sustainer of all that exists.</li> <li>God is <b>omnipotent</b> which means all-powerful.</li> <li>God is <b>omnibenevolent</b> which means all-loving.</li> <li>God is <b>just</b> which means He is a fair judge.</li> <li>God is <b>transcendent</b> which means He is outside of our space and time and beyond our understanding.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Trinity</b></p> <p>Christians believe that the Trinity is made up of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. They believe God is three in one. There are not three Gods, but different forms of the same thing.</p>   <p>Each person of the Trinity is fully God but the three persons of the Trinity are not the same.</p>	<p>"The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power."</p> <p>"The Word became flesh and lived amongst us."</p> <p>"God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son."</p> <p>"I and the Father are One."</p>
<p><b>The Father</b> Almighty - Creator - Judge</p> <p>Shows caring fatherly relationship between humans and God.</p>	<p><b>The Son</b> Teacher – Healer - Miracle Worker</p> <p>Both fully human and fully God, Jesus was the incarnation of God.</p>	<p><b>The Holy Spirit</b> Hope – Courage – Inspiration.</p> <p>Unseen power of God at work in the world.</p>	<p>"She was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit."</p>
<p><b>The Birth of Jesus – The Nativity</b></p> <p> The Nativity tells the story of the birth of Jesus to Mary. Only two Gospels of the Bible tell this story. Gospel of Matthew – Story of the Three Kings visiting Jesus – Messiah arriving to lead people. Gospel of Luke – Story of the shepherds visiting Jesus – Jesus appealing to the general people.</p>			
<p><b>Luke's Gospel</b> Mary, Jesus and Joseph Angel visits to inform of virgin birth Bethlehem Inn and Innkeeper Shepherds Angels singing Manger and Stable</p> 	<p><b>Matthew's Gospel</b> Mary and Jesus With child through the Holy Spirit Bethlehem Shining Star Wisemen Wisemen Gifts Herod kills first born</p>  	<p>"He was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived."</p> <p>"They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."</p> <p>"We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."</p>	