



### **Prior Knowledge**

**Christians** believe in one **God**.

The special place of **worship** for Christians is a church.

Christians call **Jesus** the Light of the World.

The **bible** is the holy book for Christians.

### **How is Jesus important to Christians?**

Through his teachings, and by setting an example of selfless love, Christians believe that Jesus guides people to live good lives.

### **Why are gifts given at Christmas and how do they link to the Nativity story?**

To Christians, the gifts given at Christmas are symbolic of the gifts from the Three Wise Men from the Nativity story.

## **New Knowledge**

### **Why are rites of passage important in the life of a believer?**

These are significant points in life, often followed by a changed way of living.

### **What are the significant events in people's lives and how do they mark them?**

#### **Baptism**

Holy water is put on baptised people by a church leader as a symbol of being cleansed and made ready for a new life for God.

Many Christians believe that baptism is important because Jesus was baptised and he told his disciples that they should be baptised too.



#### **Holy Communion**

Most Christians partake of Holy Communion in remembrance of the Easter Story/the Last Supper.

This is done so Christian people can start taking Communion. Communion is a way for Christians to say 'thank you' to God for Jesus' life and death by eating bread and drinking wine in a Church service.



#### **Marriage**

A marriage is a public declaration of love and commitment.

Many Christian marriages have vows, promises, rings and a celebration with family and friends to show their commitment to God and each other.