

Waterloo Primary School - RE Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Why do some people believe God exists?

Year: 5

Strand: Believing

What should I already know?

- Muslims believe in God, call him Allah and use the Qur'an to learn about their religion.
- Christians believe that God is made up of the Holy Trinity; God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- Hindus believe in the Trimurti - Brahma (creator), Vishnu (preserver), Shiva (destroyer).

Vocabulary

Theist- a person who believes in the existence of a god or gods.

Atheist- a person who does not believe in a god

Agnostic- a person who believes it is impossible to know whether God exists or not.

Islam - a religion that Muslims follow.

Allah - the Muslim name for God

Christianity - the religion that Christians follow.

Holy Trinity - the trio of faith that Christians believe in made up of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit

Hinduism - the religion that Hindus follow

Trimurti - the trio of deities that Hindus believe in.

What will I know by the end of this unit of work?

- An atheist is someone who does not believe in a god.
- A theist believes in the existence of a god or gods, specifically of a creator who intervenes in the universe.
- An agnostic believes that it is impossible for humans to know anything about the creation of the universe and about God.
- Why Hindus, Muslims, Christians believe in God and how it affects their lives.

What will I be able to do by the end of this unit of work?

- Give two reasons why a Christian believes in God and one why an atheist does not.
- Outline clearly a Christian understanding of what God is like, using examples and evidence.
- Present different views on why people believe in God or not, including my own ideas.