



Year: 3
Term: Summer 2

People of God 2a.2 What do Christians believe it is like to follow God? CORE

Prior Knowledge

Children will know that the bible is made up of the Old and New Testament. (Y1-6)

Children will have heard stories from both the Old and New Testament. (Y1-6)

Children will know that Genesis is a book of the Old Testament (Autumn 1 Y1-6)

Key Knowledge

- Children should already know that the Christian bible is made up of two sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is about a time before Jesus lived and contains prophecies about Jesus coming. The New Testament tells the story of Jesus coming and how it impacted the world both then and now. Christians believe that because the New Testament exists, all are able to become people of God through Jesus.
- The story of Noah and the Ark (Genesis 6:5 – 9:17) tells of how God was trying to do away with evil in the world and make it a better place. Noah was a person in the Old Testament who had a relationship with God. Noah made a pact or ‘covenant’ with God as he trusted Him and believed in Him. Do the children know what this means? Have they every made a pact or covenant? This story is part of the Jewish Torah and the Christian bible so is one that Jews and Christians know. This link should be made clear.
- People make agreements/pacts/covenants all of the time. For example, driving on the right side of the road, keeping the rules in games etc. What happens when people don’t keep to the rules? Consequences. In the story of Noah, Christians and Jews believe that God was trying to remind them to do away with evil in order to make the world a better place. Both humans and creatures had to stick to conditions in order for the covenant to work. God sent a rainbow to symbolise his promise to his people.
- In a Christian wedding, the promises that a bride and groom make to each other are also under the eyes of God. The promises (vows) that they make can be traced back to the promises the covenant between God and Noah. During the ceremony, Christians give each other a ring as a sign of God’s never-ending love.
- The story of Noah is about getting rid of evil but is also about how God will always stick with people – even when they do bad things. It is important for Christians to say sorry to God when they go against him. The story of Noah shows this. Christians say that following God includes trusting God, obeying God and believing that he promises to always be with them and forgive them when they need forgiveness.

Key Enquiry Lines

- **To understand that the Old Testament tells the story of a particular group of people (the children of Israel who are known as the people of God) and their relationship with God**
- **To understand that when Christians believe they are ‘of God’, they try to live as God wants and worship him**
- **To know that Christians believe that God promises to stay with them and bible stories show how God keeps promises.**

Key Question

What do Christians believe it is like to follow God?

Key Vocabulary

Covenant, vow, responsibilities, obedience