



Year: 4
Term: Summer 2

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

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)**
- Children will know the meaning of the word 'Gospel'. (Sum1 Y4)**
- Children have studied the core module for this unit (Sum2 Y3)**

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 first part of the Old Testament focuses on a particular group of people and their relationships with God. Just like Noah had a relationship with God (Sum2 Y3), so did Abraham who was one of his descendants.
- Genesis 12:1 says 'God told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you.' Abram (who later became Abraham) left behind Haran (his Father) to follow God's command (Genesis 12:9). God repeated his covenant (Pupils should know this word from Y3 Sum2) to Abraham in Genesis 17.
- Abraham had Faith. Christians believe that 'faith' means being sure of what they hope for and certain of what they cannot see (Hebrews 12:1).
- Genesis 18:11 – 16 to 21:1-5 show that God promised a son to Abraham and Sarah. Abraham and Sarah were older than grandparents. God kept his promise and they had their son, who they named Isaac which means 'he laughs'. Christians believe that this is an example of God keeping his promises to those who believe in him.
- Christians believe that God promises to bless all of the people of the earth. They read this as part of the 'Big Story' bringing all people back into the relationship with God that was spoilt by the Fall (link back to Autumn 1 unit)
- Jewish and Christian people believe God made a covenant with Abraham. This promise is not just for Abraham but for his descendants – the people of God. Even though Abraham came before Jesus, and well before Christianity existed, Christians believe that his life story shows what it is like to have a friendship with God and try to live in the way that God wants.

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.**
- **To understand that Christians believe that the Old Testament narrative explains that the People of God are meant to show the benefits to having a relationship with God.**
- **Christians believe that, through Jesus, all people can have a relationship with God.**

Key Question

What do Christians believe it is like to follow God?

Key Vocabulary

Faith, commitment, covenant, descendant(s)