



**Year: 6**  
**Term: Summer 2**

**People of God 2B.3 Why do Christians believe that following God brings freedom and justice?**

**Prior Knowledge**

**Children will know the difference between the Old and New Testament. (Y4 Sum2)**

**Children will know that the Gospel means 'Good News'. (Year 4 Sum1)**

**Children will know of Christian organisations that support the wider community (through assemblies and information from the local church.)**

**Key Knowledge**

- Children should already know that the bible is made up of two sections: The Old Testament and the New Testament (See Y4 Summer2 for clarification). Christians and Jews both believe the first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Jewish people call this their 'Torah' which means the Five Books of Moses. Christians use the Old Testament to piece together the story of the People of God. Jews use the first five books (the Torah) to do the same. The children should have already looked at the creation story (Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden - Genesis 1-3) and the story of Noah (Genesis 12) which can be drawn upon to show People of God in the Old Testament.
- Read Exodus 1:8-14 and 1:22. These passages show what it was like to be a slave in Egypt. These should be read to give background knowledge prior to looking at the life of Moses.
- Moses was a Jewish man who had a covenant with God (children should know this word means promise/pact). He lived in Egypt and was a slave. Moses and the children of Israel were part of the People of God. Exodus 3:6 shows their link to Abraham. Use these passages to look at Moses' life (The Message Translation or the New Century Version of the bible are perhaps more child-friendly!):
  - His birth – Exodus 2:1-10
  - The killing of the taskmaster and fleeing to Egypt – Exodus 2:11-15
  - The burning bush – Exodus 3:1 and 4:17
  - The ten plagues – Exodus 7:14 and 12:32
  - Leading the children of Israel out of Egypt – Exodus 12:33-42
  - Crossing the Red Sea – Exodus 14:1-31 / Exodus 15:1-20
  - The Covenant at Sinai – Exodus 19:3-6 and 20:1-21
- Christians believe that God rescued his people in the story of Moses. He rescued them before he made the covenant. They chose to follow God and were free.
- Christians today see the story of Exodus as looking forward to salvation (being free from slavery to sin through Jesus. Today, they believe that their lifestyle should be appealing to others. Matthew 5:13-16 explains that Christians should be Salt and Light. In believing that they should be salt and light, they might TELL, TEACH, TEND, TRANSFORM and TREASURE as part of their marks of mission (Church of England – see resources).
- For this reason, many Christians donate to food banks, campaign for clean water or other charitable things. The charity TEARFUND do lots of work on this in order to bring freedom to others by trying to serve God.

**Key Enquiry Lines**

- **To understand that Christians and Jews believe that the Old Testament pieces together the story of the People of God.**
- **To understand that Jews use the story of Moses and the Exodus to help them look forward to the Messiah coming and that Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah.**
- **To understand that Christians apply this idea today by trying to serve God and bring freedom to others.**

**Key Question**

**Why do Christians believe that following God brings freedom and justice?**

**Key Vocabulary**

Exodus, Moses, Torah, Mission, Old Testament