



Subject Theme Overview	Year 6	Charlton Kings Junior School
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What should I already know?

I will already have learnt about:

- Some people believe in God and follow a Christian, Jewish, Muslim or Hindu way of life.
- Some people hold non-religious worldviews such as Humanism.
- The values people hold shape the way they live their lives.

What should I know by the end of the unit?

Make sense of beliefs:

- Define the terms 'theist', 'atheist' and 'agnostic' and give examples of statements that reflect these beliefs.
- Identify and explain what religious and non-religious people believe about God, saying where they get their ideas from.
- Give examples of reason why people do or do not believe in God.

Understand the impact:

- Make clear connections between what people believe about God and the impact of this belief on how they live.
- Give evidence and examples to show how Christians sometimes disagree about what God is like (e.g., some difference in interpreting Genesis).

Make connections

- Reflect on and articulate some ways in which believing in God is valuable in the lives of believers, and ways in which it can be challenging.
- Consider and weigh up different views on theism, agnosticism, and atheism, expressing insights of their own about why people believe in God or not.
- Make connections between belief and behaviour in their own lives, in the light of their leaning.

What will I learn about?

I will learn about:

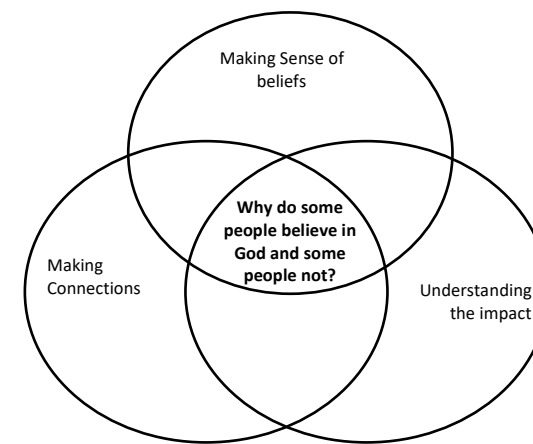
- How many people in the world and the local area have a religion (UK census data)
- The terms:
 - theist
 - atheist
 - agnostic

Reasons why people do or do not believe in God

- family background
- religious experience
- existence of problems in the world
- scientific evidence and explanations

- Why Christians believe in God in the age of science
- The impact of believing in God might make on the way someone lives their everyday life.
- The possible benefits and challenges of believing or not believing in God in Britain today.

How do these ideas work together?



Key Vocabulary

Theist	A person who believes there is a god or gods (a creator who created the world).
Atheist	A person who believes there is not a god or gods.
Agnostic	A person who believes that we cannot know or prove whether god exists.
Belief	An acceptance that something exists or is true.
Humanism	Humanist do not believe in god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following religion.
Opinion	A view or judgement formed about something, not necessarily based on fact or knowledge.