

Knowledge Organiser - Christianity

Christianity

Christianity is the world's largest religion, with about 2 billion followers worldwide. It is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ who lived in the Holy Land 2,000 years ago. Through its missionary activity, Christianity has spread to most parts of the globe.

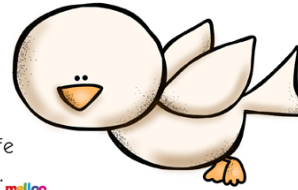


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The Dove

The dove is the symbol of the holy spirit and peace. The dove has been used to celebrate new beginnings. This is believed to have come from the time when Noah let his dove fly out of the ark. It returned with an olive branch, showing the world was coming to life again after the great flood.



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Symbols of Christianity

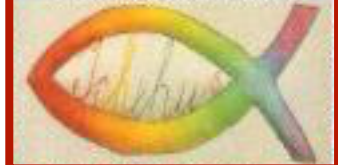
Crucifix

The crucifix is a cross with a model of Jesus on it. It reminds Christians of the greatest sacrifice ever made.



The Fish

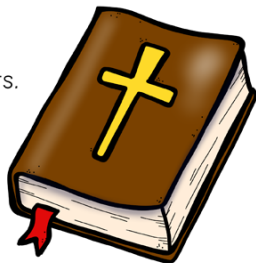
The initial letters of the Greek phrase "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour" form the Greek word ICHTHUS, which means "fish." This symbol was used by believers in the early days of persecution as a secret sign of their shared faith.



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The Bible

The Bible is the Christian holy book. It is divided into the Old and New Testaments. Parts of the writing contained in the Old Testament are also sacred to Jewish and Muslim people.



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Church

The Christian place of worship is called a church. Places of Christian worship also include chapels and cathedrals. They are often built in the shape of a cross with the altar facing east towards the rising sun.



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Rosary Beads

Rosary beads are used to help concentration when the rosary prayer is being said.



Candles

Candles symbolize Jesus as "the light of the world".



Special Events

Christians celebrate special events like Christmas and Easter. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus during Christmas. Easter is also an important event as it remembers the death and resurrection (when he came back to life) of Jesus. Lent is another special event in which Christians give up something for 40 days in the lead up to Easter. This helps them to remember the time Jesus spent fasting and praying.