







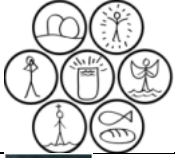

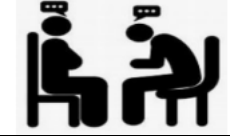








**Year 5 & 6 Spring Term 2025 - Why do Christians believe Jesus is the Messiah?**

God's plan for a Messiah runs through all the Big Bible Story but is emphasised in the Incarnation – Jesus.



God gave humans free will and so knew they would choose to break his rules as shown in 'The Fall'. God provided leaders for his people, like judges and kings, who all failed meanwhile the prophets foretold of a Messiah who would come to save his people and lead them back to friendship with God. Christians see Jesus, born of Mary, as the Messiah (a leader who saves people). Jesus, the incarnate God, Christians believe was perfect and showed people how to live a godly life but people rejected him and had him crucified. However, Christians believe he rose from death, giving Christians the hope of life eternal with God after death and hence Jesus is known as a Saviour.

Symbol	Knowledge
	Jesus was Jewish.
	Christians believe Jesus is God in the flesh.
	Christians believe that his birth, life, death and resurrection were part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God.
	The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' — a messiah. Some texts talk about what this 'messiah' would be like.
	Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah. (Jewish people do not think Jesus is the Messiah.)
	Christians see Jesus as their Saviour (He provides Salvation through his death and resurrection).

Symbol	Vocabulary	Definition
	Messiah	A rescuer or anointed one. A leader who saves people.
	Incarnation	God in the flesh – as a human being.
I	Immanuel	God with us.
	Counsellor	A person trained to give guidance on psychological or personal problems.
	Prophet	A person who declares publicly a message received from God. Sometimes the message may foretell the future.
	Christmas	Christian Holy day that marks the birth of Jesus.
	Creation	The act of bringing the world into existence out of nothingness.
	Fall	The event when Adam & Eve left the Garden of Eden because they sinned.
	People of God	All the people God uses e.g. leaders, judges, kings, prophets and ordinary humans too.
	Gospel	The 'Good News' that Jesus showed in the accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (his disciples).
	Salvation	To be rescued from sin (wrong doing) and to be friends with God
	Kingdom of God	God's rule on Earth shown by his believers – a little bit of heaven on Earth!

Lesson	Key Questions
1	What kind of saviour did the people of God want?
2	What does the Bible say about the Messiah?
3	What evidence was there that Jesus was the Messiah?
4	What would a messiah look like today?
5	How do Christians express their belief in Jesus as the Messiah?
6	How do Christians put their beliefs about Jesus into practice?