











Key Words			
Ascension	Jesus returning to be with God in heaven after the crucifixion.	Omnipotent	All – Powerful – a quality of God. It means God has unlimited power.
Atonement	Making things better after sinning. Jesus' death atoned (made up) for the sins of everyone.	Omniscient	All Knowing – a quality of God. It means knowledge without limits.
Benevolent	All Loving – a quality of God. It means God is all good.	Original Sin	The built-in tendency to do wrong which comes from Eve's disobedience.
Crucifixion	Jesus' execution by the Romans on the cross on Good Friday.	Resurrection	Jesus returning from the dead 3 days after he was crucified.
Grace	The unconditional love God shows to humans, that they do not need to earn.	Salvation	Being saved from sin and given eternal life in heaven by God.
Incarnation	God becoming flesh and taking human form as Jesus Christ.	Sin	Any thought or action which is against God's laws and wishes.
Just	Fair – a quality of God. It means God treats us and judges us fairly.	Trinity	One God – revealed in three ways: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Key Ideas			
Nature of God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christians believe in one God who is the creator and the sustainer of all that exists. - God is omnipotent which means he is almighty and has unlimited power. - God is benevolent which means he is all-loving and all-good. - God is just which means he is a perfect and fair judge. - The Problem of Suffering: if God is all these things why does he allow bad things to happen to good and innocent people? Christians believe God is just and treats people fairly so we must trust in him even when things seem to be wrong. 		
Creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christians believe God created the earth and all living things in six days. The story of creation is found in the first book of the Bible - Genesis. - Some Christians believe the story literally, others do not but still believe God was the creator. - The Gospel of John (written 600 years after Genesis) has another version of the creation story. It contains the phrase "In the beginning was the Word." Experts think "the Word" refers to God the son (Jesus). 		
The Trinity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christians believe God is three persons in one. This idea is called the Trinity. - Each person of the Trinity is fully God but the three persons of the Trinity are not the same. - The Father is the creator of all life. - The Son is Jesus Christ who is both fully human and fully God. - The Holy Spirit is the unseen power of God at work in the world, especially answering prayers. 		
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Sin and Salvation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christians believe you are judged after you die and how well or badly you have lived and treated others decides if you go to heaven or hell. See the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats (overleaf). - Sin is any action or thought that goes against God's will, Christians can look in the Bible for advice on what is a sin e.g. murder and adultery. - God gave humans free will but they should use that freedom to make good choices and not sin. - Salvation is the idea that Jesus's crucifixion saved human beings from eternal damnation. - Salvation is achieved through good works e.g. having faith in God, following the 10 Commandments. - The death of Jesus made up for original sin – the idea that we were all damned by Eve's choice to disobey God – it allows us to atone for sins and reach eternal life in heaven. - Atonement removes the effects of sin and allows people to restore their relationship with God. 		

<p>Teachings for Memorisation</p> 	<p>Afterlife (Apostles Creed) “He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead: I believe in... The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.”</p> <p>The Trinity (Nicene Creed) “We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”</p> <p>Creation (Genesis 1:1) “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”</p> <p>Atonement (1 John 2:2) “ He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only ours but also the sins of the whole world.”</p>	<p>Incarnation: John 1:14 “ The word became flesh.”</p> <p>Nature of God: Luke 1:37. ““Nothing is impossible with God.”</p> <p>The Parable of the Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25:31-46)</p> <p>In this parable, Jesus uses the example of a shepherd who separates his sheep from his goats in order to help his followers understand what judgement will be like. Jesus explains that people will be separated into two groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those who have lived good lives and believed in God will be put on one side and have a place in Heaven. • those who have rejected the belief in God and sinned in their lives will be placed on the other side and will go to Hell. 										
<p>Test Yourself! (All answers on the first page)</p> 	<p>Define the following: a) Atonement b) Crucifixion c) Resurrection d) Salvation e) Sin f) Trinity g) Grace, h) Omniscient</p> <p>Explain the following: a) what happened on Good Friday b) what is remembered on Easter Sunday c) three aspects of the nature of God d) the importance of the resurrection e) what Christians believe about creation.</p> <p>Write a plan for the following 12 mark questions: a) The most important person of the Trinity is Jesus. Evaluate this statement. b) The incarnation was the most important event in Jesus’ life for Christians. Evaluate this statement. c) Salvation is Gods greatest gift. Evaluate this statement. d) Atoning for sins of Christians was Jesus’ greatest act. Evaluate this statement.</p>											
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