

# Year 4: What do Christians believe about Jesus and God?

## What do Christians believe about Jesus?

### Jesus as the Messiah

Christians believe that Jesus is the **Messiah** because through his **crucifixion** and **resurrection** he brought salvation to humankind.

### Jesus as the Son of God

Christians believe Jesus, as well as being fully human, is also fully God.

### Jesus as a Lord and Saviour

'Lord' is a term of respect used when referring to a male **ruler** with **power** and **authority** over others. The **Gospel** of Matthew states that Jesus is 'Lord' and has 'all **authority** in heaven and on earth.'

## What do Christians believe about God?

### The doctrine of the Trinity

A religious doctrine is a belief, or set of beliefs, held and taught by the Church.

**The doctrine of the Trinity:**  
**There is one God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Trinity, or Holy Trinity, is a way of describing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

### The three parts

**God the Father** - Christians believe God is the **creator** of everything and Lord over all the universe.

**God the Son** - Christians believe that God chose to come to earth as a human being in the form of Jesus, the son of Mary.

**God the Holy Spirit** - Christians believe in the **power** of God in their daily life.

### CRC Article 14:

All children have the right to their own religion.



## Vocabulary

arrest	To take a person into custody.
authority	Having the power to give orders.
baptism	A Christian rite of admission into Christianity.
creator	A person who brings something into existence.
crucifixion	The crucifying of Jesus Christ.
Disciples	The followers of Jesus.
eternal	To last forever and to be without end.
Gospels	Stories telling the life and death of Jesus.
infinite	To be unlimited.
Jewish	Members of a religious group.
Messiah	A leader.
ministry	An act carried out by Christians to express their faith.
Passover	The biblical story where God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
power	To have strength, control or command.
provider	A person or thing that provides something.
ruler	To have kingship.
Son of God	Jesus
Temptations	the desire to do something.

Take time  
to reflect

What do you believe about Jesus and God?