

Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education
KS1 Compulsory Unit: God (Christianity)

- *What do Christians learn and understand about God through Old Testament Bible stories? E.g. Moses, Abraham, Jonah, etc.*
- *What do stories in the New Testament tell Christians about Jesus?*

- Belief in one God who has created the world and was pleased with his creation
- Belief that this creation was spoiled when the first humans made a decision that had bad consequences – death and suffering entered the world
- Belief that throughout history, God has worked with human beings to try to fix what has been spoiled
- Beliefs about God and how they are explored in stories from the Old Testament:
 - Belief in one God who has created the world (Genesis 1)
 - Belief that God loves human beings and wants them to be in relationship with him (e.g. Abraham, Moses, Noah, King David)
 - Belief that God never gives up on people (e.g. Jonah)
- Belief that Jesus is 100% human *and* 100% God (the **incarnation** – ‘God in the flesh’)
- Belief that Jesus has come to work with human being to try to fix what has been spoiled
- Belief that he does this by teaching about what the world should be like (e.g. parables of the Good Samaritan, Lost Son, Lost Sheep, etc.) and through the way he lives his own life (e.g. treating others the way he would want to be treated – the Golden Rule in **Mark 12:30-31**, the healing of Jairus’ daughter in **Mark 5:21-43**, the Samaritan women at the well, the story of Zacchaeus, etc.)
- Belief that he is there to do one key job – to get rid of the death that came into the world when the first humans made their bad decision = the **crucifixion** and **resurrection** narratives
- Belief that what humans have to do is get rid of the suffering that came into the world when the first humans made their bad decision; Christians do this by following Jesus’ teachings and example; if they are successful, they believe things will go back to what God originally intended when he created the world – they call this the **Kingdom of God**