



BELIEFS

- All religions believe in a God or Gods.
- Believers put their beliefs into practice in different ways.
- Many religions guide people in how to respond to good and hard times in life.
- Some religions guide their believers through stories in their holy books.
- Most religions believe in some type of life after death.
- People's beliefs about their God can affect how they respond to challenges in life (e.g. suffering, bereavement)
- Some religions believe in **resurrection, judgement, heaven, karma** and **incarnation**.
- Most religious traditions teach about some form of **life after death**, which can bring comfort to people.
- Some people believe that death is the end of life, and that there is no afterlife.
- Hindus, Sikhs and some other religious communities believe in reincarnation and karma.



TEXTS

- Many religions have a **holy book**.
- Christians learn about God from the **Bible**.
- The Bible contains many different types of text including **parables**.
- The Bible can be interpreted in different ways.
- Jesus' key teaching in the first three **Gospels** (Matthew, Mark and Luke) is that he is beginning a kingdom where God's rule of love, forgiveness and inclusion will grow.
- The four Gospels record over 50 parables — stories Jesus uses to make a key point.



INDIVIDUAL DAILY LIFE

- Christians might study the **parables** in private Bible reading and prayer, or in prayer groups, or listen to a sermon in church.
- Religions help people to live, even when times are tough, e.g. through prayer, giving a sense of purpose, a guide to deciding what is right and wrong, membership of a community who care for each other, opportunities to celebrate together.
- Many religions believe in the power of **prayer**.
- When a person dies, many religions have a special ceremony for the person.

Key vocabulary and meanings

- **Resurrection-** bringing someone back to life after they have died
- **Judgement-** God's judgement is a process that ends in a decision about whether a person is worthy of his reward (Heaven) or not (Hell)
- **Heaven-** a concept of the afterlife (what happens after somebody dies) in many religions
- **Karma-** the result of a person's actions as well as the actions themselves
- ***Incarnation-** is the Christian belief that God became a man in the person of Jesus
- ***Parable-** a simple story which has a special religious or moral meaning at the end
- **Gospel-** the teachings of Jesus Christ and the apostles
- **Prayer-** an act of worship that's like a conversation with God