

# Bishop Bronescombe C of E Primary School



RE UNIT: Why do some people believe in God and some people not?

Year 5/6

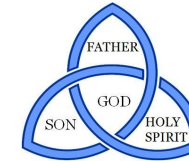
## Key vocabulary

<b>Theist</b>	A person who believes in the existence of a God.
<b>Agnostic</b>	A person who believes that nothing is known or can be known of the existence or nature of God.
<b>Atheist</b>	A person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God.
<b>Monotheism</b>	A term for a belief system based on the belief in a single God.
<b>Polytheism</b>	A term for a belief system based on the belief in multiple Gods.
<b>Beliefs</b>	An acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof.

## What do Christians believe?

Christians believe there is only one God, but that he is revealed in three different forms:

- God the Father
- God the Son
- The Holy Spirit



Christians model the selves on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus taught people to love God and love their neighbour.

Christians believe that God sent Jesus to live as a human being in order to save humanity from the consequences of its sins.

## Reasons people do believe in God

- They have been brought up that way.
- They have experienced God – seen him, had a prayer answered.
- They have seen a miracle.
- They can see evidence that God exists in the world.
- They just know God exists (faith).

## Reasons people don't believe in God

- They can't see any evidence.
- There are scientific explanations for the world.
- There are too many bad things in the world
- would God make people suffer?
- Prayers aren't always answered.

## Evolution

The process by which different kinds of living organism are believed to have developed from earlier forms during the history of the earth.



Religious people try to be 'good with God', but others think you can be 'good without God'. The British Humanist Association believe that:

- Be honest
- Use your mind
- Tell the truth



## By the end of the unit, you should be able to:

### Make sense of belief:

- Define the terms 'theist', 'atheist' and 'agnostic' and give examples of statements that reflect these beliefs
- Identify and explain what religious and non-religious people believe about God, saying where they get their ideas from
- Give examples of reasons why people do or do not believe in God.

### Understand the impact:

- Make clear connections between what people believe about God and the impact of this belief on how they live
- Give evidence and examples to show how Christians sometimes disagree about what God is like (e.g. some differences in interpreting Genesis).

### Make connections:

- Reflect on and articulate some ways in which believing in God is valuable in the lives of believers, and ways it can be challenging.
- Consider and weigh up different views on theism, agnosticism and atheism, expressing insights of their own about why people believe in God or not
- Make connections between belief and behaviour in their own lives, in the light of their learning.