

Christianity

Key Vocabulary	
Christianity	The religion followed by Christians.
Judaism	The religion followed by Jews.
Jesus	The founder of Christianity .
Ten Commandments	Ten rules given by God for people to live by.

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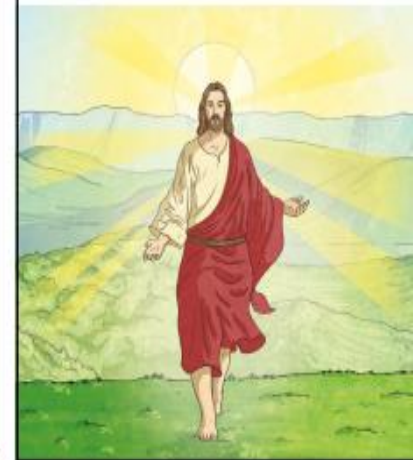
Christianity is one of the five main world religions. It began after the death of **Jesus**.

Jesus was born a Jew and **Christianity** originally developed as part of **Judaism**.

There are a number of symbols associated with **Christianity**:



The words 'Christian' and '**Christianity**' come from the name, '**Jesus** Christ.'



Special Places

Some Christians **pilgrimage** to holy places, such as Jerusalem (where **Jesus** died), Bethlehem (where **Jesus** was born) and Nazareth (where **Jesus** grew up).



Catholics may **pilgrimage** to Lourdes, in France, where **miracles** were said to have occurred, or Rome, in Italy, where the Pope (the head of the **Catholic** church) lives.



Easter and Christmas are important Christian **Festivals**. Christmas celebrates **Jesus'** birth and Easter celebrates **Jesus'** death and **resurrection**. Christians believe that **Jesus** died for their sins and that one day he will come again. During **Lent**, Christians remember **Jesus'** time **fasting** and praying in the desert.

The Bible

The Christian holy book is the Bible. It has two parts: the **Old Testament** and the **New Testament**. There are over 66 books within the Bible, which include letters, laws, poems and stories.



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pilgrimage

A journey to visit a religious site.

Catholic

A member of the Roman Catholic church – a denomination (group) of **Christianity**.

miracles

Amazing events that occur, but cannot be explained.

resurrection

When **Jesus** rose from the dead.

Lent

The 40 days leading up to Easter. Christians often give something up for **Lent**.

fasting

To **fast** is to not eat or drink for a particular length of time.

