



Teacher's Notes: Christianity

Learning Objectives:

The students will be able to identify Jesus, a Bible, a cross, a church, cathedrals

The students will be able to identify Israel on a map.

The students will be able to explain what the Bible is, who the pope is, who priests, ministers and pastors are.

The students will explain Christianity – how it started, how many Gods they believe in, where they worship, what book they pray from, and who works at a church

The students will be able to answer WH questions.

Activities

1. Students do image searches using the technology printable. Students can type a word or sentence under each picture.

General Tips: The goal is to build background knowledge while leading an engaging discussion on any and all information that can be talked about on a given page. The items that you choose to bring up or focus on can be modified for the students you are working with. For example, if you have a student who can point to something in the picture, answer yes/no questions be sure to incorporate a lot more of that as you go through the book. On the same token, be sure to ask a lot of comprehension questions and critical thinking questions at the level appropriate for students. There is something for everyone.

Page 1: Religion is how people believe in God or gods. A religion is how people pray. There are a lot of religions. There is Christianity. There is Buddhism. There is Judaism. Jewish people practice Judaism. Jesus was born Jewish. He was a very holy man. After Jesus died, some Jewish people started a new religion called Christianity. Christianity started in a country called Israel. Israel is far away from the United States. Have students view the video showing Israel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYtk8JMMZRE>

Pointing Questions: map, United States, Israel, stained glass, cross, Jesus

Short Answer: What is a religion that started in Israel?

Yes/No: Is Christianity a religion? Did Christianity start in the United States? Did Christianity start in Israel?

Sharing opinion/experiences: What religion are you?

Peer to Peer Interaction: After you read Page 1, ask students, “Where did Christianity start?” Students will find the main idea card and read/show it to their partner. Teacher will prompt them to ask their partner some of the questions above.

Page 2: In Judaism, people thought Jesus was a good and holy man, but they did not think that he was the holiest man who was ever born.

Pointing Questions: star, books, Jewish men, yarmulke caps

Short Answer: What religion did not think that Jesus was the savior?

Yes/No: Did Judaism think that Jesus was a savior?

Peer to Peer Interaction: After you read Page 2, ask students, “What religion did not think that Jesus was the savior?” Students will find the main idea card and read it to their partner.

Page 3: Talking Points: The Jewish people who did think Jesus was the savior and the holiest man ever born started a new religion called Christianity.

Pointing Questions: Jesus, hands, hair, beard

Short Answer: Who does Christianity think is the savior? What religion thought that Jesus was a savior? What religion did a few Jewish people start?

Yes/No: Does Christianity think that Jesus is the savior? Did some Jewish people start Christianity?

Sharing opinion/experiences: Do you know any men who have long hair? Do you know any men who have a beard?

Peer to Peer Interaction: After you read Page 3, ask students, “Who does the Christian religion think is the savior?” Students will find the main idea card and read it to their partner. Teacher will prompt them to ask their partner some of the questions above.

Page 4: Some religions a long time ago believed in many gods. Both Christianity and Judaism believe in one God. Have students hold up one finger.

Pointing Questions: man, arm, finger, watch, number 1

Short Answer: How many gods do Christians believe in?

Yes/No: Do Christians believe in ten gods? Do Christians believe in one God?

Peer to Peer Interaction: After you read Page 4, ask students, “How many gods do Christians believe in?” Students will find the main idea card and read/show it to their partner. Teacher will prompt them to ask their partner some of the questions above.

Page 5: Christians read the bible. The Bible tells stories about Christianity.

Pointing Questions: Bible, cross

Short Answer: What book do Christians read? What book is about Christianity? Who reads the Bible?

Yes/No: Do Jewish people read the Bible? Do Christians read the Bible? Is the Bible about Christianity?

Sharing opinion/experiences: Do you like to read books? What book do you like to read?

Peer to Peer Interaction: After you read Page 5, ask students, “What book do Christians read?” Students will find the main idea card and read/show it to their partner. Teacher will prompt them to ask their partner some of the questions above.

Page 6: A priest is a person who teaches Christianity. A minister teaches Christianity. A pastor teaches Christianity. Priests, ministers, and pastors teach and talk about Christianity to people when they go to church on Sunday.

Pointing Questions: priest, minister or pastor, Bible, people, cross

Short Answer: What religion do priests teach? What religion do pastors teach? What religion do ministers teach? Who teaches Christianity?

Yes/No: Do priests, ministers and pastors teach Judaism? Do priests, ministers, pastors teach Christianity?

Sharing Opinions/ Experiences: Have you ever gone to church on Sunday? Was there a priest there talking? Was there a minister there talking? Do you know the name of your priest/minister?

Peer to Peer Interaction: After you read Page 6, ask students, “Who teaches Christianity?” The answer Students will find the main idea card and read/show it to their partner. Teacher will prompt them to ask their partner some of the questions above.

Page 7: Churches and cathedra are both building were people go to pray. Many Christians go to churches or cathedrals on Sunday. Cathedrals are just like churches, but they are much bigger and fancier. Have students view the following video showing some of the most beautiful cathedrals in the world. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4L9ioppaoyM>

Pointing Questions: church, windows, stairs, cross

Short Answer: Where do Christians go to pray? What do people do in a synagogue?

Yes/No: Do Jewish people go to a church to pray? Do Christians go to a church to pray? Do Christians go to cathedrals to pray? Are cathedrals bigger and fancier than churches?

Sharing opinion/experiences: Have you ever gone to a church to pray?

Peer to Peer Interaction: After you read Page 7, ask students, “Where do Christians go to pray?” Students will find the main idea card and read/show it to their partner. Teacher will prompt them to ask their partner some of the questions above.

Page 8: There are different types of Christian religions. One type of Christian religion is Catholic. The pope is the leader of all of the Catholic churches in the world. He lives at the Vatican in Italy. Have students view the following video of the Vatican. Have students view the following video tour of the Vatican. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3Aqx937YV0> Have students view the following video showing the pope. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqLBpCioXv8>

Point: pope, cross, white cap, Vatican

WH Questions: What is one type of Christian religion? Where does the pope live? Where is the Vatican?

Yes/No: Are Catholics Christian? Does the pope live in the United States? Does the pope live in the Vatican? Is the Vatican in Italy?

Sharing opinion/experiences: Have you ever been to Italy? Would you like to visit Italy?

Peer to Peer Interaction: After you read Page 8, ask students, “What is one type of Christian religion?” Students will find the main idea card and read/show it to their partner. Teacher will prompt them to ask their partner some of the questions talked about above.

Page 9: The cross is a symbol for Christianity. People can see the cross in churches and on the Bible. Some Christians wear necklaces that have the Bible on it.

Pointing Questions: cross

Short Answer: What is the symbol for Christianity?

Yes/No: Is a star the symbol for Christianity? Is the cross the symbol for Christianity?

Sharing Opinion/experiences: Where have you seen a cross?

Peer to Peer Interaction: After you read Page 9, ask students, “What is the symbol for Christianity?” Students will find the main idea card and read/show it to their partner. Teacher will prompt them to ask their partner some of the questions above.