

Key Stage 3 Theme: Believing **Title: 1. Is there a God? What and why do people believe?**

Religion and Worldview: Christianity, Hinduism + Non religious worldview (Buddhism or Islam optional)

Key Vocabulary Non-religious worldview: Atheism, reason, the problem of suffering, empirical evidence, no supernatural entities, humans the source of morality, Agnosticism

Christianity: Trinity: God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Benevolent, incarnation, salvation, arguments for the existence of God (cosmological, design, religious experience)

Islam: Monotheism, Allah, Tawhid

Hinduism: Brahman, Trimurti Vishnu, Shiva, Brahma, Monism, Shakti, Murti

Learning Outcomes

- Explain what different people within a belief system and between different belief systems believe about God
- Explain the impact that believing or not believing in God might have on a person
- Formulate and suggest answers to questions of belief
- Express insights into their own and other's views about the existence of God and the nature of God

Transferable skills

Listening to others, Sorting and classifying ideas, constructing a balanced argument

Talking about beliefs, posing interesting questions and suggesting answers

Being sensitive to difference and curious about others, being able to challenge respectfully and handle complexity



Possible Resources that could be used to help teach this unit

RE Today Resources "Do we need to prove God's Existence", "Does it make sense to believe in God?" "Essential RE: God" between £15 and £8 per booklet
<https://shop.retoday.org.uk/find/KS3+God/1> "Challenging knowledge in RE: Vol 1 Studying God" <https://shop.retoday.org.uk/category/.challenging.se> Examining Religion Series : Hindus, Atheists, Christians, Buddhists and Muslims <https://shop.retoday.org.uk/category/.erab.se>

Understanding Humanism Resources Atheism and Agnosticism <https://understandinghumanism.org.uk/uhtheme/atheism-and-agnosticism/>

Understanding Christianity Units for KS3 "God" and "Creation" Units - see your diocesan adviser for more details on training and resources
<http://www.understandingchristianity.org.uk/teachers-and-schools/resources/>