



Big Ideas for Religious Education



BRINGING BIG IDEAS TO LIFE: MEDIUM TERM PLANNING

The bridge between the Big Idea and the substantive knowledge is the topic-related question.

Schools should interpret the following 'pupils know and understand' sections in relation to the religions / worldviews they have chosen to teach for this age-group. These decisions will reflect the national legal requirement and any local or denominational requirements.

Topic-related Questions and Learning Objectives for Ages 7-11

BI 1: CONTINUITY, CHANGE AND DIVERSITY: AGE-RELATED BIG IDEA FOR AGES 7-11

The name 'religion' or 'worldview' is commonly given to an overall approach to life which includes beliefs, practices, values and a sense of identity. In each religion / worldview there are people who believe different things and practise in different ways. There is a variety of reasons why some aspects have changed over time and why some have stayed the same.

Topic-related question	Pupils know and understand:
In relation to the religions / worldviews being studied: 1. What are some of the main differences in belief and practice between groups / denominations?	i. the names of at least two contrasting groups or denominations ii. ways in which these groups are similar and different.
2. What aspects have remained unchanged and which have changed?	i. how beliefs and/or practices and/or organisation changed as a result of an event in history: (where possible linked to a period studied in the history curriculum) ii. how beliefs and practices changed and stayed the same as a result of people moving from one country to another and taking their religion / worldview with them (again where possible link with history and geography).
3. Why are some systems of beliefs, practices, values and a sense of identity called 'religions' or 'worldviews'?	i. that finding a definition of religions / worldviews can be difficult ii. that in spite of this, people still identify as belonging to a religion or worldview because it involves their whole approach to life.

TRANSFERABLE QUESTIONS

Since people say different things about their religion, how do I know who to believe?

If the teachings of a religion / worldview are true, how can they change?