

## RE- Christianity: Inspirational People

### How does believing Jesus is their saviour inspire Christians to save and serve others?

**What I should already know:** Christians are baptised to show they belong to the church. Christians follow the teachings of Jesus. One way he taught was through parables (stories with a message). Christians believe in the Trinity, which is the idea that God takes three forms – Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit. At Easter, Christians remember Jesus' death and resurrection to save people from their sins.

#### Enquiry Questions

- What do we mean by the words 'save', 'saviour' and 'salvation'?
- What do Christians mean when they call Jesus their saviour?
- How does the Bible teach Christians that Jesus brings salvation?
- How is the idea that Jesus brings salvation shown through church practice?
- How does their belief that Jesus brings salvation affect how Christians live?

#### Key Vocabulary

**Belief** – An idea accepted as true; something that is believed.

**Faith** – Belief or trust in something that has never been proved; any particular religion and its teachings.

**Influence** – The power or invisible action of a thing or person that causes some kind of effect on another.

**Sacrifice** – The act of giving up something of great value to show loyalty or deep affection (love).

**Salvation** – The act of saving or the condition of being saved from sin or evil.

**Save** – To rescue from harm or danger.

**Saviour** – Someone who rescues or saves people from danger or destruction. Christians believe this is Jesus Christ.

**Serve** – To give aid or help; to be of use; to work as a servant.

**Sin** – An act of not obeying religious law.

#### RE Skills

Pupils will:

##### Learning about religion and belief

- Describe what Christians might learn from the story of Zacchaeus about how people need 'saving'.
- Describe some things Christians do as part of their faith to try to 'save' or help others, some the same, some different.
- Describe some different ways that Christians show their beliefs about Jesus by using the words 'save/ saviour/ sin/ God' in Christmas carols or on Christmas cards.

##### Learning from religion and belief

- Compare some things (or people) that influence them with who influences other people, including a practising Christian.
- Ask important questions about things that spoil people's lives and compare with the Christian idea about sin as failing to be perfect.
- Link things or people that they and their friends value with the way they choose to think and behave.

**Useful Images**



Jesus and Zacchaeus



The cross represents salvation to Christians.



The effects of sin, according to Christians.



Examples of different kinds of service provided by the Salvation Army.

**Links to other curriculum areas:**

