

Should everyone follow Jesus?

Year 1

Spring Term 2

Key Questions

What can I learn from stories from religious tradition?
Should people follow religious leaders and teachings?
What makes it easy to follow people? What makes it hard?
Who followed Jesus?
Why did they follow him?
Does everyone in the Easter story follow Jesus? Why or why not?
Who were the others following?
What happened at Easter?
Would you follow someone who did miracles?

In this unit the children will learn:

- That the teaching of Jesus encouraged the crowd to follow him but that his teaching also made some people dislike him.
- To identify other leaders in the Easter story – e.g. the High Priest.
- To be able to identify at least 6 qualities that make a good leader.



Key content:

- For most Christians, Jesus is the role model for their lives.
- The key belief is that Jesus is God incarnate, the Son of God.
- Christians follow Jesus's example of self-sacrifice and love for the outsider, as well as the way that he connects with God and worships him, engaging in conversation with God at every opportunity.
- During Jesus's short ministry, (about 3 years) he went about healing, teaching, and training his disciples.
- He chose 12 key followers.

Key Vocabulary

- **Christianity:** the religion based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ
- **Easter:** Christian festival and holiday celebrating the New Testament stories about the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- **Leader:** the person who leads or commands a group
- **Rabbi:** a Jewish scholar or teacher, especially one who studies or teaches Jewish law
- **Vicar:** a vicar is a representative, deputy, or substitute; anyone acting "in the person of" or agent for a superior
- **Pharisees:** a member of an ancient Jewish sect, distinguished by strict observance of the traditional and written law



Key content:

- Jesus also performed miracles that drew crowds to him – feeding the 5000, the 4000 and the miracles of healing for example.
- There are conversations between Jesus and the priests /Pharisees/ Sadducees revealing that not everyone was happy with what he was saying.
- There are incidents where villagers throw him out, ask him to leave (Luke 4:14-30).
- The story of Holy week is found in different forms in all 4 Gospels.

