

Year 5 - Why do people believe in God?

Key Vocabulary

Evolution	The change of species over time by natural selection.
Creation	The idea of the world being designed and planned and then made by God.
Persecution	Hostility and ill-treatment because of religious beliefs.
Agnostic	Someone who believe we can never know I there is a god or not.
Atheist	Someone who doesn't believed in the existence f God.
Theism	Belied in the existence of God or gods.
Eternal	Existing forever, without end.
Opinion	A view, not necessarily based on facts.

What do you know about God? How do Christians feel about God?

Is it the same god for Muslims, Christians, Jews, Sikhs and Hindus?

How is each view of God similar or different to each other?

Does believing in God make your life easier or harder? What about if you live in different countries where it's difficult to become a Christian?

Here are some reasons people do or do not believe there is a God:

- Religious upbringing
- Examining the universe and its intricacies
- Peer pressure
- Religious experience
- Faith

RE skills and knowledge

- Express your own ideas about theism, atheism and agnosticism.
- Suggest answers to some of the Big Questions about the existence of God
- Talk about some of the differences between people's ideas of what God is like and whether God exists.
- Reflect upon the argument that God cannot be all powerful and all loving if the world is like this – full of suffering.
- Express and explain similarities and differences between Christian beliefs about how the world began.
- To respond thoughtfully to the question, "Is God real?", giving evidence to back up my ideas.

If you believe in science, does that mean you can't believe in God?

Can they both go together?