

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser – Year 3

Thematic Unit

How does faith help people when life gets hard?

Key Vocabulary

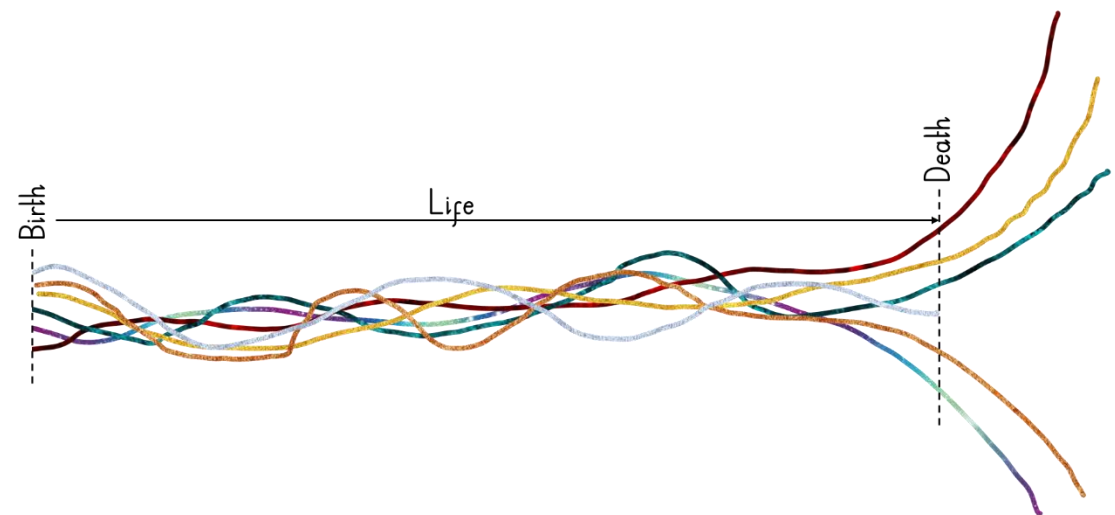
death	The act of dying and the end of a life
finite	Limited in size or extent
Infinite and eternal	Never-ending and the rules of time don't apply
gratitude	The quality of being grateful and appreciate of things
Humanism	A non-religious worldview based on the possibility of living a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion.
Humanist	Someone who believe in humanism
judgement	A considered decision that reaches a conclusion
Psalm	A sacred song or hymn
reincarnation	The rebirth of a soul in another body
salvation	Being saved or protected from harm
death	The act of dying and the end of a life

Key Questions and Golden Nuggets

What is life like?	"Life is a rollercoaster." People describe life in different ways using different phrases but life is not static. There are 'ups and downs' in our lives that everyone has to face. Being thankful and showing gratitude is one way of approaching the ups and downs of life in a more positive way. This attitude is taught by many faiths as well as being a non-religious idea.
What happens when we die?	People who hold a religious view of life generally believe that this life is not all there is. Other people who would identify as 'spiritual' but not religious have ideas about an afterlife too. Humanists and other atheists believe that this life is all there is. These viewpoints impact how people choose to live their lives.
What do Christians believe about life after death?	Christians believe in a heaven and hell and in a life after death. Christians believe that Jesus came to offer eternal life where there will be no tears, pain, sadness or suffering and where people will be at one with God.
Why do some people believe that we do not only live once? What is reincarnation?	Hindus believe in reincarnation so, for Hindus, the present life is just one in a series of lives (incarnations). This cycle of birth, death and rebirth is called samsara. Sikhs and some other religious believers have a concept of reincarnation too.
What do people who don't believe in God think happens when we die?	Atheists believe that there is nothing after death. This impacts how an atheist will live their life. Humanists are atheists who believe there is nothing after death but believe that being 'fully human' and living a 'full life' is one that contributes to the good of others too.



Life is like a bookcase – full of stories, some true, some not
 Life is like a jewel – too precious to lose
 Life is like Tesco – open 24/7
 Life is like this pencil – pointless
 Life is a journey to an unknown destination.
 Life is like a rollercoaster – full of ups and downs
 Life is an adventure, full of exciting challenges
 Life is an onion – so many layers and it makes you cry
 Life is like the bottom of the ocean – there is lots of hidden treasure
 Life is like making a cake – it sometimes goes wrong.



Religious Education Knowledge Organiser – Year 2

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Christian teachings on life after death

A Christian perspective

"As a Christian, I know that I will die, like everybody. But my belief in the resurrection of Jesus is what gives me hope that there is life after death. It also means that I believe that at some point I will be given a new, resurrected body, like Jesus.

What happens to me after death will depend on how I have lived my life. If I believe that Jesus rose from the dead, trust that Jesus will forgive my sins if I ask, and try to follow Jesus' teachings as much as I can, then I will spend eternity in the presence of God, in heaven. Some of my friends believe heaven is not a physical place, but if we have bodies like Jesus, we need somewhere to live! The Bible talks about a new heaven and a new earth.

Some people also think of hell as a physical place, but I prefer to think of it as a spiritual state of eternal separation from God. Some Christians believe that there is no hell at all, because God, who is a God of love, accepts everyone regardless of what they have done."

Jesus said: 'My Father wants everyone who sees the Son to have faith in him and to have eternal life. Then I will raise them to life on the last day.' Bible, John 6: 4 Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life – no one comes to the Father except through me.'

Bible, John 11: 25

'There is a belief among some Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians that there is a transitional state between this life and heaven known as Purgatory. This is a place where human souls can be purified and made ready to spend eternity with God. It is seen as joyless, because justice needs to be done for a lifetime's wrongdoing, but it can be shortened by the prayers of those still alive on earth.'

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The Apostle Paul said: 'If we preach that Christ was raised from death how can some of you say that the dead will not be raised to life? If they won't be raised to life, Christ himself wasn't raised to life. And if Christ wasn't raised to life, our message is worthless, and so is your faith. If the dead won't be raised to life, we have told lies about God by saying that he raised Christ to life when he really did not. ... But Christ has been raised to life!'

Bible, 1 Corinthians, 15:12-20

The Apostle Paul said: "Some of you have asked, 'How will the dead be raised to life? What kind of bodies will they have?' Don't be foolish. A seed must die before it can sprout from the ground. Wheat seeds and all other seeds look different from the sprouts that come up. ... That's how it will be when our bodies are raised to life. These bodies will die, but the bodies that are raised will live for ever. These ugly and weak bodies will become beautiful and strong. As there are physical bodies, there are spiritual bodies. And our physical bodies will be changed into spiritual bodies."

Bible, 1 Corinthians 15:35-44

The writer, John, has a vision of heaven: I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and so had the sea. 2 Then I saw New Jerusalem, that holy city, coming down from God in heaven. It was like a bride dressed in her wedding gown and ready to meet her husband. 3 I heard a loud voice shout from the throne: God's home is now with his people. He will live with them, and they will be his own. Yes, God will make his home among his people. 4 He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever.

Bible, Revelation 21:1-4 (CEV)



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Hindu teachings on life after death

A Hindu perspective

"In Hindu teaching, the Ultimate force for life (Brahman) is in everything. In the individual this is identified as atman (for some Hindus that's the same as Brahman; others see the two as distinct). Atman continues after death when either it achieves moksha (liberation) and is absorbed into Brahman or it is re-housed or re-clothed in another body.

This cycle of birth, death, rebirth is called samsara. It is your karma in this life that determines what your reincarnation will be. If a person dies in Varanasi (Benares) on the banks of river Ganges, then they will not be reborn. So some Hindus who know they are about to die make a last pilgrimage hoping to die there."

Just as a person casts off worn-out garments and puts on others that are new, even so does the embodied soul cast off worn-out bodies and take on others that are new.

Bhagavad Gita, 2.26

As a goldsmith, taking an old ornament, moulds it into another, newer and more beautiful, so the Self (atman), having given up the body and left it unconscious, takes on a new and better form, either that of the Fathers, or that of the Celestial Singers, or that of the gods, or that of other beings, heavenly and earthly.

Brhadaranyaka Upanishad 4.3.34f

As a caterpillar, having reached the end of a blade of grass, takes hold of another blade and draws itself to it, so the Self (atman), having left behind a body unconscious, takes hold of another body and draws it to himself.

Brhadaranyaka Upanishad 4.3.34f

Where people of goodwill and good deeds rejoice, their bodies now made free from all disease, their limbs made whole from lameness or defect. In that heaven may we behold our parents and our sons!

Attharva Veda 6.120.3

As a person acts, so he becomes in life. Good deeds make one pure; bad deeds make one impure. We are what our desire is. As our desire is, so is our will. As our will is, so are our acts. As we act, so we will become. We live in accordance with our deep, driving desire. It is according to how we conduct ourselves, so do we become. The doer of good becomes good. The doer of evil becomes evil. One becomes virtuous by virtuous action, bad by bad action.

Brhadaranyaka Upanishad, 4.4.5

A person who is not disturbed by the incessant flow of desires – that enter like rivers into the ocean which is ever being filled but is always still – can alone achieve peace, and not the man who strives to satisfy such desires.

Bhagavad Gita, 2.70