

## WHAT DO DIFFERENT PEOPLE BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

Curriculum Subject - RE

### Summary

Children will learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life regarding diverse beliefs about God.

### Key Facts

1. The six principle religions of the United Kingdom are Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. Christianity is the most widely practised religion in the United Kingdom.
2. There are many people in the United Kingdom who do not practise any religion.
3. Allah is an Arabic word used for God in Islam. Most Muslims and Christians acknowledge that they believe in the same God, even though their understandings differ.
4. St Patrick used the symbol of the shamrock to describe God as The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.
5. Muslims use the 99 Beautiful Names of Allah. These are often learned by Muslim children and recited using Subha beads (sometimes called Tasbeeh), a string of 99 beads

### Key Vocabulary

1. **Shahadah** - the Muslim statement of faith in one God.
2. **Murti** - A humanised image of a Hindu god/goddess. They should never be referred to as statues or idols.
3. **Artefact** - An item made by a human being, typically one of cultural, historical or religious interest.
4. **Holy Trinity** - The three persons of the Christian Godhead - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
5. **Trimurti** - The Hindu three main deities (gods), Brahma (creator), Vishnu (preserver) and Shiva (destroyer).
6. **Atheist** - A person who does not believe in the existence of God/gods.



### Questions We Will Ask

1. 'Seeing is believing'—is it? What do I think about believing in God?
2. What do Christians believe about God? God as Love, Father, Light, Creator, Trinity, Listener to Prayers.
3. What do the stories of Moses and the Burning Bush and of Saint Paul's conversion tell us about God in Christianity?
4. What do Muslims believe about Allah?
5. What do Muslims believe about the Holy Quran, Allah's gift to humanity?
6. How do Hindu people show what they believe about gods and goddesses?
7. Why are three of the gods of the Hindu way especially important?
8. What difference does it make to life if you believe there is no God? Finding out about Humanism.
9. What are the similarities and differences between different ideas about God?
10. What have we learned about ideas of God from Hindus, Christians, Humanists and Muslims?

