

Unit Question 1.1	Religion(s) Covered
Who is a Christian and what do Christians believe God is like?	Christianity

Year Group: 1

Suggested Hours: 6

Key Vocabulary	RE Skills	Points to Note
Creator Creation Father Good Bible Loving Powerful Forgiving	Investigate Express Reflect Retell some stories from the Bible Suggest meanings for stories Make links between stories and Christian beliefs about God	The Storytellers Bible is a great resource for telling Bible stories to younger children.

Key Question 1: How do we know what God is Like?	Ask the children to give words that describe what they think God is like. Ask where these ideas about God may have come from – pictures/stories they have heard etc. Ask where is the best place to find out what God is like? Introduce the Bible as God's Big Story. Listen to the Kenning WHO? Say that it is a poem that expresses ideas about God. Ask them which line they like best and why. Children can create their own Kennings based on their ideas about God.
Key Question 2: How did God feel when he made the world?	Give the children a ball of play dough and ask them to create something. Let them show each other and talk about their creation. How do they feel about it? Invite a local artist into school to talk about their work and ask the children to write questions in advance. Read the story of Creation (Storytellers Bible) or use Godly Play Creation Story. How did God feel on each day? How did he feel on Day 6? Children can create a Favourite Day Display.
Key Question 3: Does God know everything?	Read a child friendly version of Psalm 139. Make a list of what God knows from this Psalm. How does that make them feel? Discuss what we can learn about God from this Psalm. Why is this Psalm important to Christians? Look at Hannah Dunnnett artwork based on Psalm. Who might they give a copy of this Psalm to and why? How might it help them?
Key Question 4: What can we learn about God from the story of David?	Think of a time when they have had to be very brave. Talk about times when they have seen someone else be brave. Listen to the story of David and the Giant Killer from The Storytellers Bible. What did David know and believe about God and what did this make him do? What did God do for David? What does this story tell us about what God is like? Choose 5 important parts of story and children work in groups to freeze frame.
Key Question 5: What can we learn about God from the story of The Lost Son?	Ask the children to think of a time when they have done something wrong. How did they feel afterwards? What did they do about it to put it right? Listen to story of The Big Spender from the Storytellers Bible. Ask children to think how the Father and the son would have felt at the start/middle/end of the story. What does this story tell us about what God is like? Christians believe God loves us and will forgive us when we say sorry.
Unit Assessment: God Is...	Give children some verses from the Bible on cards that describe God as being like something. Eg. Shepherd/Light/Rock. Children to choose their favourite three and say what God is like from the verses and why they have chosen them. Children then to complete their own God is like... card. Discuss the different responses from the children. Which is the class favourite and why? Create a God is Like... Class Book.