

## Religious Education Y4/5 Summer Term 2

How does faith shape a Christian's identity and way of life?



### Knowledge

- People's identities, worldviews and ways of life are shaped by many things, including their religion, if they follow one.
- For many Christians, their faith is a significant part of their identity: it shapes who they are and how they choose to live their lives.
- Many Christians try to live their lives by following the word of God in the Bible; one way to do this is by following the Ten Commandments.
- Many of the Ten Commandments have links to the law and what is morally right, and therefore are not only followed by Christians but those of other faiths and no faith too.
- Another way that many Christians follow the word of God is by trying to 'love their neighbour'.
- Many Christians try to make sure that their identity and actions reflect the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- Many non-Christians also aspire to these personality traits as they are not just applicable to those who have a Christian faith.
- Most Christians include prayer as an important part of their way of life. They have options of how they choose to pray, for example: at home, in church or somewhere else; as a group or individually; out loud or in their heads; using set words or making up their own each time.



### Vocabulary

**Bible** = the Christian holy book, considered direct communication between God and humankind, via the authors who were thought to have received or been inspired by the word of God

**Christian** = someone who practises Christianity, a monotheistic religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ

**faith** = strong belief in a religion, based on trust and confidence rather than proof

**Fruits of the Spirit** = a biblical term that summarises nine attributes of someone living with the Holy Spirit

**Holy Spirit** = part of the Holy Trinity, God's presence as a comforter and counsellor

**identity** = a person's understanding of who they are and what makes them them

**love thy neighbour** = show kindness to everyone, including those who are different to you, and treat others as you would want to be treated

**prayer** = talking or communicating with God, sharing a conversation with God

**Ten Commandments** = a set of rules given to humankind by God as a guide to how to live well

**way of life** = a typical pattern of behaviour for a person or group

**worldview** = each person's collection of attitudes, values and expectations about the world that inform their thoughts, actions and approach to life; a worldview can be religious or non-religious

