



## Beliefs and meaning

### Key facts to learn:

Christians believe that God’s love for humankind is eternal in that God will never stop loving humanity. Even if they do wrong, they can say sorry and God will forgive them because he loves them.

Jesus portrayed love in the Bible; He taught that love should be eternal and unconditional.

Christians believe that because of Jesus’ resurrection, Christians will be able to have life after death (eternal life).

They believe Jesus made forgiveness possible by His crucifixion.

Christians believe it is Jesus’ sacrifice of salvation that means they can enter heaven where they can live eternally being loved by and loving God.

Christians believe that for eternal life they need to: believe in God, do their best to follow the Ten Commandments and the Two Great Commandments, and ask for forgiveness when they need it.

In a Christian wedding, the bride and groom promise to love each other for their whole lifetime. They give each other rings which symbolise eternity.

### Key skills to do:

- Start to show an understanding of the concept of eternity
- Describe what a Christian might learn about life after death from a Bible story
- Express feelings about things they would like to last forever
- Reflect on whether they think anything is eternal
- Explain why some Christians believe some things are eternal and why this is important to them.

### Words to know and spell (Tier 2 Vocabulary)

Create	Story	Commandment
Believe/belief	Bible	Worship
Ring	Jesus	Resurrection
Love	Place	Crucifixion
Kindness	God	

### Words to understand and spell (Tier 3 Vocabulary)

<b>Eternal</b>	Lasting or existing forever
<b>Vow</b>	A promise, as in marriage vows
<b>Marriage</b>	The legal union of two people in a personal relationship
<b>Unconditional</b>	Not subjects to any conditions
<b>Agape</b>	Unconditional love
<b>Salvation</b>	Deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ

### Concept check questions. Test yourself:

- Is it important to lead a good life?
- Can everybody go to heaven?
- Is anything ever eternal? Can love last forever?
- Is it possible to forgive someone who was about to kill you like Jesus did?
- Can a non-Christian go to heaven?
- Is going to heaven a Christian’s only motivation for doing good things?