

## Unit 4.3 Jesus – Why do Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God?

### Overview of unit

- deepen the children’s understanding of Jesus, who he was, his teaching and behaviour.
- use the events covered in the stories in this unit to illustrate and emphasise the Christian belief that Jesus is the Son of God; that he was God and man, both human and divine.
- deepen pupil’s knowledge and understanding of why the Sabbath, Shabbat, is so important to Jews.
- introduce pupil’s to the celebrations and traditions of Jewish Shabbat.

### Key Questions

- How do we know Jesus had power and authority?
- Where did Jesus’ power and authority come from?
- How do the actions of Jesus show that he is the Son of God?
- How do the actions of Jesus show his divine nature?
- How do these stories reveal Jesus to be the Son of God?
- What do Christians believe about Jesus and God because of these events?

### Key Knowledge and Understanding: What will we be learning about in this unit?

#### By the end of this unit pupils will know that:

- Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God he was both God and man.
- Christians believe Jesus has power and authority from God over every aspect of creation, life and death.
- there are people who have stood up and spoken out against authorities in situations of injustice.
- the Jewish holy day is Shabbat and there are many traditions and rules associated with Shabbat.

#### By the end of this unit pupils are expected to be able to:

- retell the Bible stories covered in this unit.
- make links between the Bible texts and Christian beliefs and values.
- talk about people who have inspired them and why.

#### Christian concepts

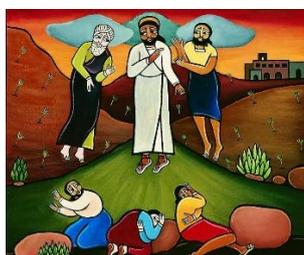
God – Creation – Fall – People of God – **INCARNATION – GOSPEL – SALVATION** – Kingdom of God

#### Christian values

Justice      Responsibility  
Respect      Reverence

### Key Vocabulary

Son of God	In Christianity, the title Son of God refers to the status of Jesus as the divine son of God the Father.
authority	Legitimate power, decision-making capacity, and the means to cause others to obey. the power to give orders or make decisions.
miracle	an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs; an extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing, or accomplishment.
Sabbath/Shabbat	Sabbath is the Jewish holy day that is celebrated every week. A day set aside for rest and worship. Commemorates the original seventh day on which God rested after completing the creation.
Pharisees	a member of an ancient Jewish sect who taught strict observance of Jewish tradition and believed in life after death and in the coming of the Messiah.



#### Key Experiences

- Exploring Jesus’ power and authority through his words and actions.
- Discussing how Jesus’ words and actions connect to Christian beliefs that he is the Son of God.
- Exploring the Jewish celebrations of the Sabbath.