

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

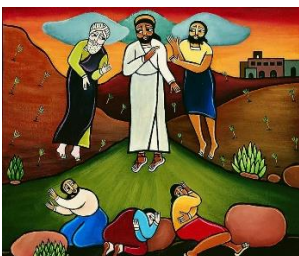
God – Creation – Fall – People of God – **INCARNATION – GOSPEL – SALVATION** – Kingdom of God

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.