

Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

**Topic: Unit 5 - God;
Prayer; Faith; Shahadah;
Revelation**

Year 6

Can we know what God is like?

Knowledge

The Qur'an reveals most of what there is to know about God, as it is a copy of a book kept in heaven and it contains God's guidance on what to believe and how to live good lives.

Muslims believe that they can get to know God by reading the Qur'an, reciting the daily prayers and obeying their faith.

Most Christians also believe that they can know God through prayer, revelation, worship and nature, but also believe that Jesus is the ultimate expression of God, being God Incarnate.

Activities

- Research all the words, names, characteristics that are used to describe God. How do Christians and Muslims find out what God is like? – explore the symbols, prayers, pictures, scriptures etc. that the two faiths use.
- Look at the Shahadah and quotes from the Qur'an that describe Allah. Explore the 99 names of Allah and what they tell about the Muslim view of God.
- Compare these to the images of God in the Bible and discuss what these things reveal about what these two faiths believe about God and how he is revealed.
- Use www.natre.org.uk children talking section and explore the views expressed by children to see what believers in various faiths believe about God, looking for similarities and differences.

Vocabulary

- **Christianity** – religion focussed on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ
- **Faith** – strong belief in a religion, based on spiritual conviction
- **Islam** – religion that believes there is one true God; Allah
- **Muslim** – follower of Islam
- **Prayer** – a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God
- **Revelation** – the 'revealing' of truth that comes from God
- **Shahadah** – the Muslim profession of faith ('there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah'), one of the Five Pillars of Islam



Skills

- Compare symbols and words to show understanding of Muslim and Christian views of God
- Link a faith story/passage of scripture to the characteristics or nature of God
- Suggest the answers that a Christian or a Muslim might give to questions about the character of God
- Interview believers about the character of God and compare their answers
- Create a statement about beliefs in God referring to Christian and Muslim beliefs