



# Specialist Subject Vocabulary-Religious Studies



## Religion

The belief in and worship of a controlling power (a god or gods).

## Catholic

To do with, or believing in, the Roman Catholic Church, with the Pope as its head.

## Protestant

A number of any of the Western Christian Churches that separate from the Roman Catholic Church.

**Root Word:** Protest

## Believe

To accept that something is true, especially when there is no proof.

## Jesus

The Jewish religious teacher whose life, death, and resurrection as reported by the Evangelists are the basis of the Christian message of salvation — also called *Jesus Christ*.

## Prophet

A person inspired or sent by God to speak in his name.

## Theist

A person who believes in the existence of a god or gods who created the earth and life on it.

**Suffix: ist** - a person or thing

**Root Word:** theo - god

## Atheist

Someone who believes that gods do not exist.

**Prefix: a** - not, without

**Suffix: ist** - a person or thing

**Root Word:** theo - god

## Agnostic

A person who believes that nothing can be known about gods or the existence of gods.

**Prefix: a** - not, without

**Suffix: ic** - to do with, like

**Root Word:** gnostic - to do with knowledge

## Judgement

A misfortune believed to be sent by God as punishment for sin.



# Challenge Vocabulary-Religious Studies



## Omnibenevolent

All-loving, kind to all; usually used to describe God.

**Prefix:** **omni** - all; bene - kind, good

**Root Word:** benevolent

## Omnipotent

All-powerful.

**Prefix:** **omni** - all, every

**Root Word:** potent - powerful

## Omniscient

All-knowing.

**Prefix:** **omni** - all, every

**Root Word:** science

## Denomination

A recognised branch of a religion.

**Prefix:** **de** - away, down, reverse

**Suffix:** **tion** - act, process or result

**Root Word:** nom - name

## Incarnation

The embodiment of God in human form, e.g. Jesus is the human incarnation of God (Latin 'carn' = 'flesh').

**Prefix:** **in** - in, into, on

**Suffix:** **tion** - act, process or result

## Atonement

The act or result of making amends for a sin; becoming reunited with God (originally from English 'at one').

**Suffix:** **ment** - result of an action

**Root Word:** atone

## Salvation

To be saved from sin.

## Crucifixion

The execution of a person by nailing or binding them to a cross.

## Resurrection

The act of coming back to life, rising again from death; especially Jesus's resurrection.

**Prefix:** re - again, back

**Suffix:** **tion** - act, process or result

**Root Word:** resurrect

## Ascension

In Christianity, the bodily rising of Jesus into heaven on the 40th day after his resurrection.