






Year 8 - Who and where is God?

Key Vocabulary		What is Incarnation?	The Holy Trinity	
Catholicism	The largest denomination of the Christian Church.	In Catholicism , incarnation is the belief that God took on human form by coming to the world as Jesus . The literal definition of the word incarnation means 'to take on flesh'.	The Holy Trinity is a central part of the Catholic belief system. It refers to there being one god who exists in three parts.	
incarnation	The belief that God took human form by becoming Jesus.			
Jesus	In Christianity, the son of God			
The Holy Trinity	The Christian idea of one God existing in three parts.	God the Father	God the Son	God the Holy Spirit
The Holy Spirit/ The Holy Ghost	God's divine force in action.	God the Father refers to the God of the Old Testament in the Bible – the Lord and creator of the universe.	God the Son refers to Jesus , the incarnation of God. Christians believe that he came to Earth to sacrifice himself for the forgiveness of human sin. The New Testament in the Bible deals with the life and teachings of Jesus .	Also called the Holy Ghost , the Holy Spirit can be explained as being God's divine force in action.
Old Testament	The first part of the Christian Bible, including creation and God's laws.			
New Testament	The second part of the Christian Bible, including the life and teachings of Jesus.			



The nature of God - Islam

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'And your Allah is One Allah. There is no god but He, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.'

Qur'an 2:163

Muslims believe that Allah: is the one true God - all worship and praise is directed towards him should be treated with respect as he is the supreme being s the creator, designer and sustainer of the world. The word **Tawhid** is used to describe the oneness of Allah, which is the fundamental belief of Islam. It means believing in Allah, believing that he is the one and only God. It helps Muslims to think of Allah as the center point of life.

The attributes of Allah

Muslims believe that Allah is:

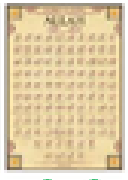
- Transcendent**
Allah is above and beyond anything that exists in the world.
- Fair and just**
Allah judges everyone equally.
- Immanent**
Allah is close to every human and within all things on Earth.
- Omnipotent**
Allah is all-powerful.
- Beneficent**
Allah is all-loving.
- Merciful**
Allah shows compassion and mercy, and he forgives people.

Muslims believe that Allah is just and created the world in a fair way (**Adalat**). They also believe that he always behaves in a merciful way.

Allah in the Qur'an

Allah has many different descriptions and it is hard to represent him in a few words, so the Qur'an teaches that Allah has **99** names. Each of the 99 names relates to a particular attribute of Allah, making him easier to understand and relate to. Al-Hakim (The Wise), Al-Hakam (The Judge) and Al-Rahim (The Most Merciful) are examples of Allah's 99 names in the Qur'an. **Subhah** beads are used in prayer when Muslims are remembering the 99 names of Allah.

99 names



The Shahadah

Confirming that Allah is the only God is the first part of the **Shahadah**. It is **shirk** to believe in other gods, which means it is the worst sin.