



Jigsaw RE Knowledge Organiser



This knowledge organiser is a guide, offering key information to point the teacher in the right direction as to the beliefs underpinning the particular enquiry. The summaries must not be taken as the beliefs of ALL members of the particular religion.

Religion /Worldview: Christianity	Enquiry Question: Could Jesus heal people? Did he perform miracles or is there some other explanation?	Age: 7/8 Spring 1
This enquiry investigates three miracles of Jesus where healing took place. Children evaluate if they think they were miracles or if there could be another explanation.		

Core Knowledge (see also background information documents) The concept of Incarnation is that Jesus became man and lived among men and women. As part of his ministry, narrated in the New Testament of the Bible, Jesus performed many miracles. The miracles included in this enquiry are based on healing (rather than some others which create e.g. food and drink). Jesus uses saliva to heal the man born blind, and builds on the faith of the friends to heal a paralysed man.	Link to other aspects of belief Trinity – relationship between God (the Father), Jesus (his son) and the Holy Spirit. The three are “consubstantial”, which means that they exist separately and together as one. This gives Jesus the power to perform miracles. Other miracles in the Bible show the power to heal. Belief in Jesus being eternal can impact on prayer for miracles. Miracles have been documented by the church in the time since Jesus left the earth.	Personal connection / resonance How do I feel about miracles both then and now? Can I think of any modern day occurrences which could be described as, or which I believe to be, miraculous?
Key Terms and definitions Incarnation: God as man Disciples: Jesus’ special friends Miracles: acts that Jesus performed during his lifetime which evidence to believers that he was truly God. Pharisee: Strict follower of the Jewish faith Baths: Areas for cleansing near the temple where there would also be beggars asking for money due to afflictions.	History/Context The people at the time believed that if parents did wrong (sinned) then children could be born with afflictions, hence the disciples asking about this. Saliva was thought to possess medicinal qualities, but it was not believed by the people of Jesus' day to cure a man born blind, so it was deemed to be a miracle. Leprosy caused people to be outcast. It is very contagious if touched. Only the priest or rabbi could determine if somebody had been healed and ‘made clean’ and therefore allowed back into the community.	Impact on believer/daily life Their belief in the Trinity means that many Christians understand Jesus to have powers that no ordinary man could, because he is one with God. They may pray to Jesus or God to perform miracles today as they believe he is eternal and with them in their daily lives and can help with problems.
Home learning ideas/questions: What do we feel about miracles? Can they be explained in any other way? Do we think they ever happen today?		Spiral curriculum link Ages 6-7 Autumn 1: Jesus’s kindness to people who are outcast is repeated in some of these miracles