Religious E	ducation	Medium	Term Plan Spring	UKS2 A	Aycliffe Driv	e Primary School
Religious and Theological Literacy	Key Enquiry Question s	Which eight areas of learning have been covered?	Year 5 Cycle B (in line with other subjects) (Suggested Activities)	Key Enquiry Questions	Which eight areas of learning have been covered?	Year 6 Cycle A (in line with other subjects) (Suggested Activities)
Eight Areas	What	Beliefs	Lesson 1	What	Sources of	Lesson 1
of Learning:	does it	and		does it	Wisdom	
	mean to	Practises	LO: To learn who key figures	mean to		LO: To learn how Christians
Beliefs and	be you?		in Judaism are.	be you?	Beliefs and	and Buddhists express their
Practises		Sources			Practises	faith in art, drama and song.
Sources of		of Wisdom	WHO ARE KEY FIGURES IN			
Wisdom		VVISUOIII	THE JEWISH RELIGION?			Divide the class into 6 – give
Wisdom			Esther – Purim			each a story,
Prayer,			• Purim – listen to the <b>story</b>			choose 3xChristian and
Worship and			of Esther. Identify the key			3xBuddhist (these
Reflection			characters, for example,			texts could build on the
			Esther, Mordechai, Haman,			Buddhist <b>stories</b>
Identity and			the King. What themes are in			looked at in the Autumn
Belonging			this story? Bravery, hatred,			Term).

Symbols and Actions  Human Responsibilit y and Values  Justice and Fairness  Ultimate Questions			fear, courage, selflessness. Create a poster for the key themes.			Pupils retell each one as a stained glass, a drama, dance and/or a hymn. Presentations, take photographic evidence of drama work.
	What does it mean to be me?	Identity and Belonging	Lesson 2  LO: To learn to understand what identity is and what it means to me.  In pairs discuss words to describe Esther's personality and then share as a class.	What does it mean to be you?	Beliefs and Practises  Sources of Wisdom  Prayer, Worship and Reflection	LO: To learn to respond to a religious story and give examples of how it reinforces the religious teachings.

			Discuss the theme of true identity – when do you think you have put your community/ others needs before yourself? Write about a time when you have done this.			Pupils respond to the message of the story from the previous lesson or add captions to images to say how it reinforces the beliefs/teachings, practices/lifestyles of the religion from which it originates. Have pictures from the stories for children to add thought bubbles/captions.
Wha		Beliefs	Lesson 3	What	Sources of	Lesson 3
does		and Practises		does it	Wisdom	
	all to	riacuses	LO: To learn to reflect on a	mean to	Justice and	LO: To learn why people of
be y	you?	Ultimate	religious story.	be me?	Fairness	faith use art, drama and song
		Questions	Read extract of story. Role-	What		to enrich their religiour
			play the way some Jews	does it		experience.
			celebrate Purim by listening	mean to		

Sources	to the story whilst making	be	Express personal reflections
of	noises when Haman's name	human?	on the art
Wisdom	is mentioned. Encourage		forms already experienced.
	active participation.		How might they
	• Ask pupils - <b>How would</b>		enrich religious
	you cope in Esther's		experiences?
	situation? Would you stand		Pupils write down three
	before the King knowing that		things they think
	entering his palace uninvited		most people spend a lot of
	could cause death?		time thinking
	• Hot seat Esther- Why did		about. <b>How might these</b>
	you behave as you did?		things affect
	Individual response: was		people?
	Esther a hero?		

V	What	Sources	Lesson 4	What	Prayer,	Lesson 4
d	does it	of		does it	Worship	
n	mean to	Wisdom	LO: To learn about the Jewish	mean to	and	LO: To learn about buddhist
b	oe you?		holiday of Passover.	be	Reflection	meditation, its purpose and
				human?		practise.
			Passover – Briefly retell the			
			<b>story</b> of the Exodus of the			Discuss Buddhist <b>meditation</b> ,
			Jews from Egypt. Focus on			its purpose
			oppression, slavery,			and practice.
			leadership, Moses, Plagues			Let a jar of muddy water
			and escape.			settle while
			• Points of view - give each			participating in
			class member a role, for			stillness/silence focusing on
			example,			something beautiful. Guide
			Hebrew/Egyptian/Moses/Phar			pupils carefully
			aoh. Watch selected section			

		from "Prince of Egypt" which includes all 4 roles (for example, the sending of the plagues), pupils plot a feelings graph for example, despair and hope for Moses and the Hebrews and powerful and weak for Pharaoh and the Egyptians Explain that during the Passover (Pesach) many Jews remember the story of the Exodus and participate in the Seder meal.			at this time to think about beauty, friendship, joy, the natural world. Look at the jar. Has it settled? Explain that this is what happens to the mind during quiet meditation.
What does it	Symbols and	Lesson 5	What does it	Prayer, Worship	Lesson 5
mean to	Actions	LO: To learn what the Seder	mean to	and	LO: To learn what helps me to
be you?	Courses	plate represents.	be me?	Reflection	feel calm.
	Sources			Ultimate	
	Wisdom			Questions	

Prayer, Worship and Reflection	• Introduce the Seder. Group the class into teams of 6. Lay out a Seder plate or use picture of Seder plate and cover with a cloth. Ask each child to come to the Seder plate, remove the cloth for a limited time then pupil returns to their team and draws what they have seen on to the team sheet/whiteboard. Repeat until all pupils have visited the Seder plate. Which team completed the best? Did any team notice there were 6 items and work collaboratively?	Hum Resp ty an Value	onsibili nd	Children to design their own image to reflect their own feelings of calm and use these to do a personal meditation. Reflect on how this made the children feel.

What does it mean to	Symbols and Actions	LO: To learn to reflect on	What does it mean to	Prayer, Worship and Reflection	LO: To learn to reflect on
be me?	Beliefs and Practises Ultimate Questions	<ul> <li>symbolism in the Sedar plate and what is symbolic to me.</li> <li>Describe or research what each food on the plate symbolises and link to own feelings, for example, bitter herbs – 'I feel bitter when'</li> <li>Enact the Seder meal to reinforce the story through the symbolic foods and to see how some of the emotions are remembered each year. Ask pupils which food symbolises them and why?</li> </ul>	be me?	Ultimate Questions Identity and Belonging	Thinking Beads Set the scene with an appropriate image on the IWB, flowers and/or candles and relate to the use and symbolism of Buddhist shrines. Pupils make a string of 'thinking beads' in four blocks of colour. Relate to Buddhist prayer beads, mala. Introduce the ring of a bell to indicate when pupils will change their

		• Plenary - Think about all			attention from one bead to
		that you can do because you			the next, relate
		are free. Discuss people who			to Buddhist bell or gong.
		are not free.			Pupils go through
					the beads in each colour
					thinking of 1-things
					that they are thankful for, 2 -
					things that they
					are sorry about, 3-people to
					think of or remember and 4-a
					wish for themselves,
					others or the wider
					community.
What	Beliefs	Lesson 7	What	Symbols	Lessson 7
does it	and		does it	and Actions	
mean to	Practises	LO: To learn what happened	mean to		LO: To learn about Buddhist
be		to Jesus during Easter.	be you?		Mandalas and what they
human?	Human				represent.
	Responsi				

bility and	WHAT HAPPENED TO JESUS	Buddhists concentrate on
Values	OVER THE COURSE OF HOLY	mandalas to help
	WEEK?	them become more like the
	Jesus - Easter. The events of	Buddha. The
	Holy Week	pictures and <b>symbols</b> show
	Recap knowledge of key	Buddhist
	events in the life of Jesus.	teachings and help Buddhists
	Either	to meditate.
	Place these events in correct	Create impermanent
	order on a timeline, for	mandalas in sand,
	example, birth, lost in temple	cornflower paste, pulses.
	(during Passover), baptism,	Ask pupils to blow their
	temptation in the wilderness,	mandalas away and
	Palm Sunday, Maundy	link to Buddhist
	Thursday, Good Friday and	understanding of the
	Easter Sunday. Read about	impermanence (everything
	the events of Holy Week. In	changes).
	groups, using Bibles, research	
	the key events of different	
	days in Holy Week, present	

		the information as a class blog. Or • Produce a zig zag book to retell the story, use attached Holy week timeline as an aide memoir. Remind the class that the last supper is thought to have been a Passover meal. Encourage pupils to connect the egg of the Seder and the Easter egg meaning new life.			
What does it mean to be you?	Beliefs and Practises Symbols and Actions	LO: To learn what happened to Jesus during the events leading up to and including the crucifixion.	What does it mean to be you?	Symbols and Actions Identity and Belonging Prayer, Worship	LO: To learn about Buddha Rupas and what they represent.

WHAT HAPPENED TO JESUS	and	Explore the Buddha Rupas
DURING THE LAST HOURS	Reflection	through
OF HIS LIFE?		hand gestures. Pupils can
Explore images of the		design own Buddha Rupas
Stations of the Cross as a way		using model making
of telling this part of the		materials, for example,
story. Explain that Roman		Crayola Model
Catholics visit each of them in		Magic.
church during a Good Friday		Express personal reflections.
service. Like the food in the		
Seder, each <b>station</b> reminds		
them of aspects of the story		
which are painful. In groups,		
recreate images of an		
individual station through		
drama, creating tableaus or		
by building up in relief a		
picture using layers of card,		
finally, cover card tightly in		
foil to make them look like		
real wall plaques.		

What	Identity	Lesson 9	What	Ultimate	Lesson 9
does it	and		does it	Questions	
	•				LO: To learn what meditation means to Buddhists.  Invite a Buddhist visitor to explore the significance of meditation and ask pre - planned questions.

What does it	Sources of	Lesson 10	What does it	Identity and Belonging	Lesson 10
mean to	Wisdom	LO: To learn about Jesus'	mean to	Harris	LO: To learn to create my own
be you?		journey on the afternoon of his resurrection.	be you?	Human Responsibili	set of core values.
		This resurrection.	What	ty and Values	Children reflect on their own
		Either	does it	values	spirituality and values which
		• Introduce "The Road to	mean to	Ultimate	are important to them. Could
		Emmaus" through a jigsaw	be me?	Questions	record these through artwork/posters as a guide for
		activity – a piece of text is		Questions	
		cut into pieces muddled up			their own lives.
		and given to a group to			
		decide how it fits together.			
		Useful for cooperative			
		learning and engaging the			
		pupils with the text so they			
		have to discern meaning. Or			

		• Describe how Jesus' friends were so happy to know that he was alive again on Easter Day. Tell the story of The Road to Emmaus, at which Jesus repeats the actions of the Last Supper. Use mime/role-play to portray how the friends must have felt when they realised it was Jesus all along.			
What	Sources	Lesson 11	What	Ultimate	Lesson 11
does it	of		does it	Questions	
mean to	Wisdom	LO: To learn to reflect on the	mean to		LO: To learn how the life of
be you?	Prayer, Worship	events of Easter through the	be you?	Symbols and Actions	Jesus is relevant today.

and	eyes of different key	Beliefs and	HOW IS THE LIFE OF JESUS
Reflection	individuals.	Practises	RELEVANT
			TODAY?
	Mood chart of the events of		Look at a range of images of
	Easter week from point of		Jesus –
	view of any of the disciples or		discuss how these help
	of Jesus, or Mary his mother.		people to remember
	Watch events of Easter week		what he was like and what he
	or retell story and then		did. Look at
	complete the story from		the emotions linked to the
	perspective of one of the		pictures for
	disciples.		example, angry with the
	Recap on the events of Holy		moneylenders,
	week and the Stations of the		loving with the children.
	Cross. What has been learnt		Discuss how this
	about Jesus and the events of		helps us to get a better idea
	his life? Talk about the		of what he might
	significance these events have		have been like – his picture
	on Christians today.		has been drawn
			in all nationalities, why?

		Explore an outline of the life
		of Jesus. Use a
		variety of sources to compile
		a fact-file of
		significant experiences in
		Jesus' life.
		How do Christians
		remember Jesus today?
		Mind map for example,
		churches, charities,
		celebrations, people, story.
		Explore the "I am the"
		Statements of
		Jesus. What do they mean?
		Design <b>symbols</b>
		to represent the statements.
		If you were statements you
		would leave about yourself.
		Swap some and guess the
		authors.

What	Justice and	Lesson 12	What	Beliefs and Practises	Lesson 12
does it mean to be	Fairness	LO: To learn the common key themes of Easter and	does it mean to be you?	Ultimate	LO: To learn why Christians remember Jesus at Easter.
human?	Symbols and	Passover.	be you:	questions	WHY DO CHRISTIANS
	Actions	WHAT THEMES DO			REMEMBER JESUS
		PASSOVER AND EASTER HAVE IN COMMON?			PARTICULARLY AT EASTER?
		Give the following     examples of themes common			Reminder of the Easter story and its
		to Passover and Easter. For example suffering, Rejection,			importance to Christians today. Refer to
		Sacrifice, God's Love,			some of the <b>practices</b>
		Endings and New Beginnings, Freedom; ask pupils to write			undertaken by Christians on Easter Day, for
		what happened in Passover and what happened at Easter			example, the

linked to a given theme for	Sunrise service. Stress the
example, 'suffering' – The	symbolism within
Jews suffered when they were	the activities.
slaves in Egypt and Jesus	Use picture stimulus for
suffered when he was	example return to
whipped and crucified.	The Last Supper image by
	Leonado Da
	Vinci. Discuss the artistic
	licence used for
	example, time of day. Link the
	food to the
	Seder meal and to
	Communion.
	Allow opportunities for
	pupils to ask <b>ultimate</b>
	questions about the events
	of Easter. Focus
	on the death and resurrection
	of Christ.
	Ensure that any answers
	offered by pupils

			should be respected. Answers
			from within Christianity
			should be given to explain
			what
			Christians believe.
			Write an acrostic poem using
			the word
			'resurrection', 'Easter'
			or 'hope' and/or write
			in the shape of a cross to
			express personal /
			Christian views about the
			events of Easter.

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