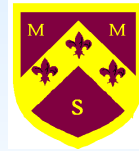




## Knowledge Organiser RE

### Upper Key Stage 2

Can we know what God is like?



## Key Questions

Do you believe there is a God? Is it possible to know what God is like? How do Christians and Muslims find out what God is like? What symbols, prayers, pictures, scriptures do the two faiths use? What words, names and characteristics are used to describe God in different faiths? How do they compare? What do the 99 names of Allah tell us about the Muslim view of God? How do quotes from the Qur'an describe Allah? How is God portrayed in the Bible? What do these things reveal about what these two faiths believe about God? Why is the Shahadah important to Muslims? What makes people think that their view of God is right? Are things true for everyone or are there different truths for different people? Can we know for certain? Does it matter if people's views are right or wrong? Can someone's view of God be wrong?

## Key Vocabulary

God

Prayer

Faith

Shahadah

Revelation

Allah

The 99 names

God Incarnate

The Trinity

## Key Content

Islam mean submission to God and for Muslims, **Allah** is God. They believe that Allah is one - the word is neither masculine of feminine and has no plural form and for Muslims, God has no equals, no partners. In the **Shahadah**, the first words that are whispered into the ears of a baby and which have to be recited three times in the presence of other Muslims for a person to become a Muslim are the following: "There is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad is his prophet."

For Muslims, the Qur'an reveals most of what there is to know about God. It contains the **99 names** for Allah which describe his character. Muslims believe that they can get to know God by reading the **Qur'an**, reciting the daily prayers and obeying the other rules of their faith.

There is a requirement to believe in the "unseen" and so belief in God requires faith, as humans are unable to understand everything. Only God is perfect. 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** [in the human form]. The **Trinity** - belief in Father, Son and Holy Spirit is central to Christian theology, expressing the relationship that is believed to be at the heart of Christian faith.