



Subject: RE

Year group: Year 6

Term: Autumn 1

Unit name: 2b.4 Was Jesus the  
Messiah? (Digging Deeper)

### Big Ideas

The idea of a 'messiah', or 'saviour', is important in Jewish culture, and was central to Jewish belief in the years that Jesus lived and taught.

The early Christians found their Messiah in Jesus, who was not an earthly king or a warrior but a man of peace.

### Spirituality

Relationship between God and man - holiness, the gift of the Spirit, life in the Spirit and the discipline of the Spirit.

### Prior learning

What Creation from Genesis 1 says about God and human nature.

The Genesis account reflects a common view that religious accounts of the universe's origins are in conflict with scientific accounts.

Science addresses *how* questions about the universe, its origins and mechanisms, whereas religion, in this case, Christian belief in a creator addresses *why* questions.

### Key Aspects covered

In this unit of RE work children will know that:

- There are connections between biblical texts and the idea of Jesus as Messiah (using theological terms).
- There are clear connections between the texts and what Christians believe about Jesus as Messiah; for example, how they celebrate Palm Sunday.
- Christians express their beliefs about Jesus as Prince of Peace and as one who transforms lives, through bringing peace and transformation in the world.
- Their opinions matter in weighing up how far the world needs a Messiah, expressing their own insights.

### Knowledge expectations

The Old Testament pieces together the story of the People of God. As their circumstances change (for example, from being nomads (Abraham, Jacob) to being city dwellers (David)), they have to learn new ways of following God.

*The story of Moses and the Exodus shows how God rescued his people from slavery in Egypt.*

**Christians apply this idea to living today by trying to serve God and to bring freedom to others; for example, loving others, caring for them, bringing health, food, justice, and telling the story of Jesus.**

### Key vocabulary

Christians

God

Old Testament

Messiah

Creator

Saviour

Jesus

Salvation

Relationship

Weakness

Prince of Peace

Transforms

Freedom

Slavery