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Religious Studies at Meadowhead

Key terms	
Founder	A person whose teachings a religion follows
God	A supreme being
Holy	Being special because it is connected with God.
Holy place	A place of worship or pilgrimage that is special to believers
Holy text	A book or collection of writings that a special to believers
Pilgrimage	A journey by a believer to a holy place for religious reasons
Rebirth	After death the soul is reborn with another body. Eventually the soul will leave this cycle.
Religion	Beliefs in God or gods and activities connected to this belief
Religious studies	The study of the things we think about when we think about 'religion'
Soul	The spiritual or non material part of a person.
Worship	Praising and showing love to God

Key beliefs	
Christianity	One all-powerful God. God's son came to earth as Jesus. Jesus died for humanity's sins and then rose from the dead.
Islam	One all-powerful God, known as Allah. Allah can be known through his 99 names, including The most compassionate, The Almighty, The most generous and The friend.
Hinduism	After death the soul is reborn into a new life. The rebirth the soul has is because of the good and bad deeds in each lifetime. Eventually the soul will have enough good karma to leave the cycle of rebirth and go to moksha.

Worship	
Christianity	Christians can pray at home or in a church. They pray to one God. The Lords Prayer contains many of the key beliefs in Christianity.
Hinduism	Hindus can pray (Puja) at home or at a Mandir (temple). They usually Pray in the morning. They choose which God they want to pray to. They offer food to the Gods and it is seen as a blessing.

Founders	
Jesus	Believed by Christians to be the Son of God
Muhammad (PBUH)	The final Prophet of Islam. He first started spreading the message of Allah when he got the first revelation of the Quran.
The Buddha	The buddha means 'enlightened one'. Born as Siddhartha Gautama. He discovered a middle way to live life.

Holy texts	
The Torah	Holy text for Judaism 1 st 5 books of Moses Contains God's words Written by hand on special paper Cannot contain any mistakes
The Bible	Holy text for Christianity The Old Testament contains 39 books The New Testament contains 27 books Contains God's words Gives guidance on how to live
The Qur'an	Holy text for Islam Contains the revealed words of Allah Teaches Muslims how to follow Allah Written in Arabic Muslims will learn it off by heart

Holy places	
Christianity	Local community – church Pilgrimage - The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem & St Peter's Basilica in Rome
Islam	Local community – mosque Pilgrimage – the Ka'aba in Mecca
Sikhi	Local community – gurdwara Pilgrimage – Harmandir Sahib in Amritsar