

### Key vocabulary

<b>Holy</b>	The awesome, even terrifying part of God.
<b>Loving</b>	The intimate, personal aspect of God.
<b>Omnipotent</b>	Having unlimited power
<b>Eternal</b>	Being without beginning or end.
<b>Omnipresence</b>	The New Testament in introduces Jesus and his followers.
<b>Omniscience</b>	God has all knowledge.
<b>Justice</b>	The quality of being fair and reasonable.
<b>Covenant</b>	An agreement.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	The restoration of friendly relations.
<b>Humanism</b>	A system of thought attaching prime importance to human rather than divine matters (no God).

### Learning sequence

Use stories, poems, prayers and letters from people 'who know god personally'

Features of God – these 3 people claim to know God personally: David, Isiah and John – what do they say? How do they know?

Church architecture: what do cathedrals show about what Christians believe about God?

Parts of a church

Worship: Christian songs – how might these help Christians get to know God better?

What would happen if God was only holy? Or only loving?

People who don't believe in God- are Humanist ideas for living a more 'holy' or 'loving' response to human beings?

Reflect on your own guidelines for living

### Important facts

Christians believe God is omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal, and that this means God is worth worshipping.

Christians believe God is both holy and loving, and Christians have to balance ideas of God being angered by sins and injustice, but also loving, forgiving and full of grace.

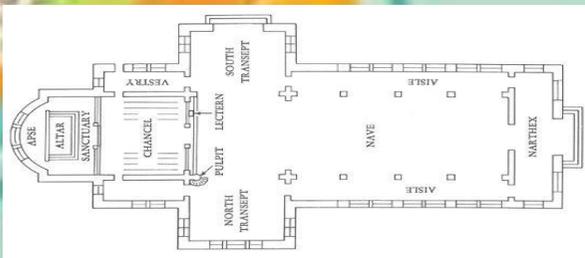
Christians do not all agree what God is like, but try to follow his path, as they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching.

Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a person rather than learning information.



### Final outcome

Pupils will ...  
Design and make a new work of art for Coventry Cathedral which shows how forgiveness is needed in the world this year. Remember to use the concepts of love and holiness as well as forgiveness.  
Write 100-200 words to explain your artwork.



## What does it mean if God is holy and loving?

### The big story of Christianity



God

### Key skills



Text  
Explain connections between biblical texts and Christian ideas of God, using theological terms.



Impact  
Make clear connections between Bible texts studied and what Christians believe about God- for example, through how churches are designed; Show how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship.



Connections  
Weigh up how biblical ideas and teachings about God as holy and loving might make a difference in the world today, developing insights of your own.

### Biblical links

Psalm 103, Isaiah 6:1-5, 1John 4:7-13, Exodus 19:1-19, Proverbs 6:16-19