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



This unit explores what Christians believe about God with links to texts from the bible.

RE Vocabulary

Word	Definition
omnipotent	Having great power and influence
omniscient	Knowing everything
eternal	Lasting or existing forever; without end
holy	Exalted or worthy of complete devotion
loving	Feeling or showing love or great care
worship	To have or show a strong feeling of respect and admiration

What does church architecture show us about what Christians believe about God?

- Stained glass tell stories Christians can learn from
- the altar talks of sacrifice
- confessionals talk of forgiveness
- the size and scale of cathedrals speak of God's power as well as human creativity (in God's image)
- the cross shape and all crosses/ crucifixes talk of God's love through Jesus.

RE knowledge

- Christians believe that 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 sin but also loving forgiving and full of grace.
- Christians do not all agree about what god is like, but try to follow his path as they see it in the bible or through church teaching.
- For Christians today, being a member of the community of the Kingdom of God is both a precious gift and a challenge: living out the values of the Kingdom of God is the key challenge of being a disciple of Jesus, loving God and loving our neighbour.
- Many Christians try to extend the Kingdom of God by challenging unjust social structures in their locality and in the world.
- Christians try to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth through organisations such as The Salvation Army and Child of Hope.

