




Knowledge organizer: Year 7 Unit 3- 'What does it mean to belong? The Kingdom of God'

Topics	  
What does it mean to belong?	
Jewish and Christian understandings of 'Kingdom of God?'	
Parables of the kingdom- Parable of mustard seed, parable of sower and parable of the treasure and pearl, parable of net	
How to live in the kingdom- The beatitudes	
Signs of the kingdom-Jesus' miracles- Ten Lepers and Jesus and Beelzebub	
Is the Kingdom here and now or yet to come? Our father	
The Church at the service of the Kingdom	

Key words	<p>Kingdom of God: Refers to the perfect state of society which will be achieved when every member lives as God wants</p> <p>Parable: A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels</p> <p>Miracle: Miracles are events which cause wonder and amazement in those that witness them as they seem to defy the laws of nature.</p> <p>Judgement: The point after death when the destiny of a person is ultimately decided.</p> <p>Grace: God's unconditional love for the believer.</p>
Teacher assessed pieces of work	
Stretch and challenge	<p>Read the Jesuit reflection on the Lord's prayer and significance https://www.jesuit.org.uk/blog/godtalk-praying-lords-prayer</p> <p>Research an important place of Christian pilgrimage. (Walsingham, Lourdes, the Basilica of Lisieux etc) and consider the link to the Kingdom of God.</p> <p>Research the work of one Catholic charity dedicated to the service of the poor overseas (CAFOD) and at home (the SVP).</p>

The Kingdom of God	Parables of the Kingdom	Living in the Kingdom	Signs of the Kingdom	Debates surrounding the Kingdom of God: Here and now or yet to come?
<p>The Jews had expected a physical kingdom to be led by the Messiah, who would rule over it and protect them from other hostile nations.</p> <p>The Christian concept of the Kingdom is not of a geographical place but refers to the sovereignty of God.</p> <p>Jesus' teaching on the kingdom helps us to understand that all are invited to become members of the Kingdom and live a life with God</p>	<p>A parable is a story with a hidden meaning used by Jesus to communicate key truths about the Kingdom.</p> <p>Through the parables Jesus teaches that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Kingdom has a slow beginning but will grow to include everyone - People will respond in different ways to the invitation to the Kingdom: some will choose not to be part of the Kingdom. - There are consequences to ignoring or rejecting the invitation to the kingdom 	<p>Throughout the Gospels, Jesus calls us to live as members of the Kingdom.</p> <p>Jesus instructs us how to live as a member of the kingdom through the beatitudes.</p> <p>The Beatitudes can be found in Matthew 5. They instruct Christians to live a life of holiness, justice, love, and peace.</p> <p>Jesus teaches that we are called to a life of service in the Kingdom</p>	<p>Jesus' miracles are signs of the Kingdom. Miracles are events which cause wonder and amazement in those that witness them as they seem to defy the laws of nature.</p> <p>The miracles of Jesus showed his love for humanity and reaffirmed his mission. Through his miracles, Jesus freed people from hunger and injustice, from sickness and from death.</p> <p>Two miracles that we will study are the healing of 10 lepers and Jesus and Beelzebub</p>	<p>The Our Father is a prayer of the Kingdom.</p> <p>Jesus teaches us to pray "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done". This expresses that the Kingdom is a present reality and a future hope</p> <p>Some of Jesus' teachings also point towards the idea that the kingdom is among us and is here and now. The Church is God's people who make up the kingdom here on earth.</p>

