

SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

What is faith and why do we believe?

Take it further:

THINK

What curiosity questions can you ask?

e.g. What do you think of when you hear the word Faith? What does it mean? What is the difference (if there is one) between faith and belief? Why do some people believe very strongly in a particular religion and some people don't? Do you have a faith or a belief?

FEEL

How might different people feel about this?

e.g. How does it feel to believe or trust in something that you can't see? What examples can you think of in your own life? How does it feel if someone criticises what you believe in? How can we celebrate all of the different beliefs and faiths in the world?

CONNECT

What links can you start to make? e.g. Why are there so many different religions around the world? Where do they all come from? What is the link between religion and culture? What do different religions have in common?





THOUL OF

Activity ideas:

- What do you think of when you hear the word faith? Take a blank piece of paper and write the word FAITH down the left hand side, using large block capitals. You are going to create an acrostic poem. For each letter, think of something that you think or feel when you hear the word Faith and write it next to the letter. Now decorate each of the letters on the page and put your poem up on the wall.
- 2. Do you have to see something to believe it? Why? Why not? Write down or draw all of the things or ideas that people believe in but can't ever see, for example: *Father Christmas, The Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, God, Pixies, Magic.*

Now write down some of the feelings that you have when looking at the pictures (or words) and how you feel about some of these beliefs.

3. Take a blank piece of paper and write down the word RELIGION in the middle. Now make a spider diagram of all the different religions or beliefs that you can think of. You may need to get someone to help, or you can watch some of these videos from BBC Teach: <u>Religions of the world</u>

What would it be like if everyone in the world believed in the same thing? Why do people believe different things do you think? What might all of these religions and beliefs have in common?

4. Explore some ideas about tolerance and celebrating different beliefs using some resources from <u>Equaliteach</u>.

*USE THE THINKER'S GUIDE TO HELP YOU

What other activities could you do?

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