

RE training for Primary schools: *Understanding Christianity*

Supporting your Agreed Syllabus: One excellent new resource to support teaching about Christianity is *Understanding Christianity: Text Impact Connections*.

Many locally agreed syllabuses include requirements for teaching Christianity that are directly supported by this resource. This resource supports good quality teaching about Christianity and can be used within the requirements of your syllabus guidelines.



The Resources

These include:

- a teacher's **Handbook**
- **22 detailed units of work for primary**
- Over 100 pages of **photocopiable resources**
- a **wall frieze** showing the 'big story' of the Bible, to back up the units
- **full online access** to the resource – available to use within your school.



The Training Package

To receive this extensive resource pack, you need to attend training.

Following recommendations from the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring¹ and the Teacher Development Trust² that effective training should be intense and sustained, the expectation is that teachers in primary schools will have at least 10 hours of CPD on *Understanding Christianity*. There will be gaps between encounters when schools will try out the approach, returning to explore further.

1. <http://www.cem.org/attachments/publications/ImprovingEducation2013.pdf>
2. <http://tdtrust.org/about/dgt> and <http://tdtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/DGT-Full-report.pdf>



Frieze art helps pupils to build a coherent grasp of the key concepts explored in the resource. © Emma Yarlett 2016

Online training events

- Schools will need to **attend all modules**.
- Each session will include setting teachers a 'gap task', trialling an aspect of the resource in school.
- Feedback and discussion on these 'gap tasks' will be included in each session, so that teachers can **share ideas and learn from each others' experiences**.

Session 1:

Monday 11th January 2021

1.00-4.30

*Module 1 (Introduction) & Module 2
(Teaching and learning model)*

Session 2:

Monday 22nd March 2021

1.00-4.30

*Module 3 (The 'big story' of the Bible)
Module 4 (Planning great teaching &
learning)*

Session 3:

Wednesday 26th May 2021

1.00-4.30

*Module 5 (Purpose and impact)
Module 6 (The 'big story': digging deeper)
Module 7 (Curriculum design)*

Training will be online – unless Covid19 restrictions are lifted, in which case we will try to find locations that suit the schools who sign up.

Full Price: £210
Are you a community school? We are offering you a £150 subsidy so you pay just £60!

I love the concept of the big frieze and the overall story of Christianity as I feel this really engages the children and gives their learning more of a purpose. The ideas/resources in the folder are interesting and varied so I find there is always an idea for a lesson whereas I sometimes found the Christianity aspects of RE more challenging to teach.
Vicki Walls
Naunton Park Primary

'Understanding Christianity is a brilliant resource and it has been invaluable for our school in supporting the new Agreed Syllabus. It has provided a very clear path for teachers to follow, offering lots of creative ideas and resources. With support for teachers' subject knowledge it really has made implementing the new syllabus a very manageable task.'
Julia Matson
HT Barnwood Primary

[The training] is fantastic and has made the resources interesting, showing how we can use it flexibly. I like the way it can be used at a basic or more in-depth manner. The resource is well set out and the online resources are readily available. The resource is now being used across the school to support the Christian elements of the new Agreed Syllabus.
Rebecca Scutt
HT, Stow Primary

Thanks to some grant funding, we have been able to reduce the cost to community schools! Cost includes all training, plus:

- **Extensive resource pack**, including Teacher's Handbook; 22 detailed units of work plus accompanying classroom resources; specially commissioned frieze artwork (pack cost £75; RRP:£200)
- **Full access to resources online** – to be used within your school

Training will be led by **Fiona Moss**, RE Today adviser and NATRE CEO, who was on the writing team of *Understanding Christianity*.

Booking form and further details attached.

Please send booking form to Mark@retoday.org.uk

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