

Check out Faces of Faith, our free online film resource to support teaching on Christianity. It includes 23 clips of children talking about their faith:

<http://www.faithinschools.co.uk/faces-of-faith>



### 2015/16 Participants:

Avenue	Nelson
Brampton	Odessa
Calverton	Park
Carpenters	Ranelagh
Central Park	Roman Rd
Cleves	Ravenscroft
Dersingham	St James
Earlham	Salisbury
Elmurst	Sandringham
Godwin Junior	School 21
Grange	Scott Wilkie
Kaizen	Shaftesbury
Keir Hardie	Southern Rd
Lathom Junior	Tollgate
Manor	Woodgrange
Maryland	

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# Faith in Schools

Supporting the teaching of Christianity in  
Newham's schools: EYFS & KS1

Faith in Schools brings Christians into Newham's primary schools to deliver high-quality RE lessons on Christianity in line with the 2016 Newham Agreed Syllabus. This enables pupils to meet a variety of Christians from different backgrounds and church denominations and find out what it means to be a Christian in Newham today.



### Quotes from teachers:

*"Really lovely lesson - children were engrossed and I believe learnt a lot - well-resourced and well-paced."*

*"The children engaged very well and your delivery was pitched superbly."*

Faith in Schools has been working in Newham primary schools since 2003. We come as a team of 2 or 3 people, led by an experienced teacher. All the teachers are police checked, and our lessons are free!

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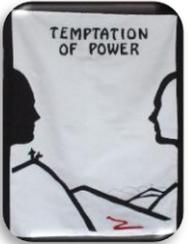
We also organise visits to local churches to help children understand Christianity in their community. This photo was taken at the Christmas Experience, an interactive Nativity presentation for Year 1 pupils.



Early Years Foundation Stage: Nursery/Reception	
Unit title	Faith in Schools (FIS) offer:
Christmas	<p><b>How do Christians celebrate Christmas? Or What happened when Jesus was born?</b></p> <p>Christian visitor shares their Christmas practices through puzzles and role play; or leads an interactive Nativity story session with the children.</p>
Easter	<p><b>How do Christians celebrate Easter? What happened when Jesus died?</b></p> <p>Children can discover more about how a Christian visitor celebrates Easter through craft activities such as egg decoration; or join in a Spirited Play session that retells the Easter story. <i>Photo: East Day scene with Playmobil.</i></p> 
Cross	<p><b>Why is the Cross so important to Christian people?</b></p> <p>We bring in a selection of crosses for children to handle and explore. We introduce the children to some Christians who share what the cross means to them.</p>
Bible	<p><b>How can small people do big things?</b></p> <p>Children are introduced to "David and Goliath" using a Spirited play story session. With Christian visitors, they consider ideas of bravery, courage and trust with the chance to explore some picture Bibles further.</p>
Visiting a Church/ Special Places	<p><b>Why are churches important to Christians?</b></p> <p>We can organise an age-appropriate visit to a local church or a Christian visitor can come in and share what happens in a church through a range of play-based activities and artefacts.</p>
Identity and Relationships (Gotcha Smile)	<p><b>How do we make friends?</b></p> <p>Christian visitor shares why they call Jesus their best friend. Children find out more about Jesus through the story of "Zaccheus" and compare their own experience of friendship. Optional: making playdough models of our friends.</p>

### Key Stage One: Year 1

Unit title	Faith in Schools (FIS) offer:
What does it mean to belong to Christianity?	<p><b>How do some children belong to Christianity?</b></p> <p>We demonstrate a Christening or Dedication service by a church leader to the children in their class or at a local church. <i>Photo: Father Ken shows children a Baptism candle.</i></p> 
How do Christians celebrate Christmas?	<p><b>What can a church tell us about the Christmas story?</b></p> <p>We may invite your school to attend the <b>Christmas Journey</b> at a local church. The children walk through the Christmas story meeting the characters and visiting scenes from the Nativity in a creative and interactive way.</p>

How do you live well with family and friends?	<p><b>How does the Bible help Christian families to forgive?</b></p> <p>Using the Spirited Play technique, we tell the story of the "Lost Son", helping children to think about the concept of forgiveness.</p>
Key Stage One: Year 2	
Unit title	Faith in Schools (FIS) offer:
What special stories are told at Easter?	<p><b>What can we learn about Jesus' death? Or Why is Easter important to Christian people?</b></p> <p>We organise a visit to a church to see the story of Jesus' death told through 'Stations of the Cross' artwork displayed around the church building. We also offer a class-based alternative where the Easter story is told in an interactive way with pupils. <i>Photo: Rev Henry explains an image of the Crucifixion.</i></p> 
Why are different books special for different people?	<p><b>For whom is the Bible a special book and why?</b></p> <p>We bring in a wide variety of Bibles for the children to look through and explore along with the visitors. We look at one story together in more detail, usually the "Lost Sheep".</p>
Why did Jesus tell stories?	<p><b>Which stories did Jesus tell?</b></p> <p>We tell an interactive parable story from the Bible, eg: "Lost Coin", "Good Samaritan" or "Lost Sheep". Children explore what Jesus was trying to teach and its meaning for Christians today. We provide resources for a follow up lesson in which different classes retell their story to the rest of the year group.</p>
Where does the world come from?	<p><b>How do Christians try and look after the world?</b></p> <p>We tell or review the Christian Creation story (based on classes' prior knowledge) and share different ways in which some Christian visitors try and care for the earth and the people on it.</p>
How do special foods and fasting help people?	<p><b>Why do some Christians fast during Lent?</b></p> <p>We lead an interactive story/drama session based on Jesus' fasting in the desert and discover the reasons why some Christian visitors fast. The focus on the season of Lent is optional. <i>Photo: church banner used in role play backdrop.</i></p> 

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