

## SRE Curriculum

## Overview

SRE taught by Christian Community Church, Cambridge Park follows a curriculum as out lined below.

Lessons are designed to engage with students to help them come to their own understanding of what they believe. Critical thinking is highly valued by us in the development of children. With lessons on topics such as the history of God and the bible, who is Jesus, and what makes Christianity – Christianity, we endeavor to allow students to form their own opinions in an open learning environment.

One of the successful tools we have to achieve an open learning environment is splitting the class into smaller groups at the end of appropriate lessons to allow them to ask questions and to have their own thoughts heard. It is important to know that we value students and their beliefs whatever they may be. Students are encouraged to explore and understand the processes they have used to arrive to their belief. Introspective and reflective questions will help students explore their beliefs. This form of thinking and practice will assist and promote the transfer of this learning into other areas of their lives. This will encourage students to be holistic and able to better engage in their world with critical thinking and reasoning even when applied to complex areas such as ethics, morality, spirituality and religion.

We will teach the Christian religion as shown in the Christian Bible. This will show Jesus the Son of God, and God the Father with the Holy Spirit as the eternal God of the Christian faith. God's eternal existence, the creation of the world, the fall of mankind and its restoration are the core topics that will be covered in this curriculum. We will teach these topics in depth and this will form the basis for students to learn in a prescriptive manner as a base to build and develop critical thinking and to wrestle with their own beliefs and ideas.



Students are never forced to adopt new believes or to come to any conclusions. They are encouraged to understand what they believe and become familiar with the Christian religion and its beliefs as a part of this curriculum.

## **Key Learning Outcomes**

| Module          | Outcome  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Christianity    | <ul> <li>Become familiar with Christian History</li> <li>Know the claims of Jesus</li> <li>Understand the implications of the claims of Jesus</li> </ul>             |  |
| Morality/Ethics | <ul> <li>Form their own model of right and wrong</li> <li>Understand society's views of right and wrong</li> <li>Understand Gods views on right and wrong</li> </ul> |  |
| Learning        | <ul> <li>Reasoning</li> <li>Critical thinking</li> <li>Expression of their belief systems</li> </ul>   |  |

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## **Lesson Outlines**

| Core topic     | Lesson name        | Lesson outline   |
|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Creation       | Perfect World      | <ul> <li>God created the world.</li> <li>The world was created good.</li> <li>God gave mankind a choice – hoping they would choose Him.</li> <li>Mankind did as they pleased and God was ignored.</li> </ul>   |
| Justice        | Justice            | <ul> <li>Justice is necessary.</li> <li>Mankind like justice for others but desire leniency for themselves.</li> <li>Cain kills Able in the bible (1st man born kills 2nd man born)</li> <li>God brings justice into the world with the desire that mankind will improve.</li> <li>Mankind can find favor with God.</li> </ul>             |
| Love           | Love               | <ul> <li>What is mankind's purpose</li> <li>God does not stop loving us even when we reject Him or His ways.</li> <li>Understand the 10 commandments in the bible</li> <li>To consider that rules and laws are to help people and society.</li> <li>God loves us and that is why there is the 10 commandments to look after us.</li> </ul> |
| History        | Easter/Passover    | <ul> <li>What is Easter</li> <li>What is the Jewish Passover</li> <li>What does the Passover symbolize today</li> <li>What does the Passover and Easter mean for Christians</li> </ul>   |
| Fear           | Fear               | <ul> <li>What is fear</li> <li>What are common fears people have and face</li> <li>Look at a good type of fear</li> <li>Understand what it means to fear God</li> <li>God wants to save mankind and to not destroy mankind</li> </ul>  |
| Forgiveness    | Forgiveness        | <ul> <li>What is forgiveness</li> <li>What types of things do we need forgiveness from</li> <li>How have these things shaped us</li> <li>What is revenge?</li> <li>The difference between forgiving and been forgiven</li> </ul>   |
| Healing        | Healing            | <ul> <li>What is healing</li> <li>Look at different types of healing</li> <li>What does the bible say about healing</li> <li>Does God still heal today</li> </ul>  |
| Esteem, value  | How we look to God | <ul> <li>How do we look to God on the outside</li> <li>How do we look to God on the inside</li> <li>How do we look at ourselves</li> <li>Does comparing yourself to others change the way you look</li> <li>What is important in how we look on the inside and outside</li> </ul>  |
| Belief, action | Martyrdom          | <ul> <li>What does it mean to be a martyr</li> <li>What does it mean to believe in something</li> <li>What are you willing to live for in life</li> <li>Jesus died for us</li> </ul>   |

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| Spirituality      | Spirituality  | <ul><li>What is spirituality</li><li>What does the bible say about spirituality</li></ul>  |
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| Worship, Purpose  | Worship   | <ul><li>What is worship</li><li>Why would we worship</li><li>What is worth worshiping</li></ul>  |
|                   | The great trap  | <ul> <li>What are the 10 commandments of God</li> <li>Why are they there</li> <li>What do the 10 commandments to when you follow them</li> <li>Is it freedom to have no rules</li> </ul> |
| Jesus             | The big rescue  | <ul><li>What does it look like to be rescued</li><li>How does Jesus rescue us</li></ul>  |
| Who was Jesus     | Christianity Explained:<br>Jesus' Authority               | <ul><li>What is authority</li><li>What did Jesus have authority over</li></ul>   |
| What did Jesus do | Christianity Explained:<br>The cross                      | <ul><li>What did Jesus do with His life</li><li>What did Jesus' death achieve</li></ul>  |
| What did Jesus do | Christianity Explained:<br>Resurrection                   | What happened after Jesus died   |
| What do we do     | Christianity Explained:<br>Believing                      | <ul><li>What does it mean to believe in something</li><li>What does the bible teach about belief and action</li></ul>  |
| What happens      | Christianity Explained:<br>There is a new world<br>coming | What does the bible say happens in the future  |
| What happens      | Christianity Explained:<br>New life                       | What does life as a Christian look like  |

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