

# Understanding Christianity | People of God | RE | Years 5 & 6 | 2020-21

## Key Question

How can following God bring freedom and justice?

## Key Concepts

The Old Testament	Pieces together the story of the People of God. Through the stories in the Old Testament, Christians see a model of God having a relationship with people.
Story of Moses and Exodus	Shows how God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt; Christians see this story as looking forward to how Jesus's death and resurrection also rescue people from slavery to sin.
The Promised Land	The land that God promised he would give to the descendants of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob; the land flowing with milk and honey; the land of Canaan or Palestine. The Israelites did not take it over until after the Exodus, when they conquered the people already living there.
People of God and the Ten Commandments	The People of God are chosen by God to be His special people: he enters into an agreement with them, promising to love and guide them. In return, he gives guidance on how to remain in a relationship with an almighty, holy God (the Ten Commandments).
Applying ideas today	Christians apply this idea to living today by trying to serve God and to bring freedom to others; for example, loving others, caring for them, bringing health, food, justice and telling the story of Jesus.

## Key People

Moses	A great prophet and leader of his people. He met God, face-to-face, on Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments after leading his people, the Hebrews, out of slavery in Egypt and into the 'Promised Land' of Canaan.
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## Key Vocabulary

1	Freedom	The power or right to act, speak or think as one wants; the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved.
2	Justice	Behaviour or treatment according to what is morally right or fair.
3	Covenant	An agreement.
5	Plague (Biblical)	Wrath that is unleashed to cause harsh punishment, affliction or trouble.
7	Ritual	For example, the practice of sacrifice as offerings to God for thanks or to say sorry.
8	Ethics	Moral principles that govern a person's behaviour or the conducting of an activity.

## Key Bible Passages (Gospels)

Pentateuch	The first five books of the Bible. (Pentateuch comes from the Greek meaning 'five scrolls'.)
Exodus	The second book of the Bible which describes the Israelites deliverance from slavery in Egypt through the hand of God and the revelation of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai.
Matthew 22: 37-40	Jesus relays the first and second greatest commandments.