



UKS2:1 EVEN YEAR

Key Question:	Vocabulary:
<p>WHY DO SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE GOD EXISTS?</p> <p>(believing) </p>	<p><u>Theist</u> – believes in God. <u>Agnostic</u> – cannot say if God exists or not. <u>Atheist</u> – believes there is no God.</p>
Resources:	Content:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to global statistics & 2011 census.• Links to Key Question knowledge organisers LKS2: 1 & LKS2:2.• Genesis account of Creation.• Notes on Christian scientists, e.g. Jennifer Wiseman, John Polkinghorne, Denis Alexander.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out how many people in the world and local area believe in God – use global stats & 2011 UK census. Ask why so many people believe in God. How many don't believe? Learn the words theist, agnostic & atheist.• Raise questions about nature & existence of God. Look at what Christians believe God is like. Explore some names/metaphors for God in bible – God as Father, Spirit, Son, eternal, almighty, holy, shepherd, rock, fortress, light.• Consider why people believe/ don't believe in God, e.g. family background, religious experience, extraordinary earth & life or terrible suffering.• Consider ways in which Christians read the Genesis account of creation. Explore why some Christians read it literally whilst others read it as expressing truths about God & humans. Find out about Christians who are also scientists.• Invite some Christians, agnostics & atheists in to answer questions.
How this fits into our lives:	 <p>Dr. Jennifer Wiseman is a senior astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, where she serves as the senior project scientist for the Hubble Space Telescope.</p>
<p>If God existed today what difference would he make to the way people live?</p> <p>What impact would believing in God make on the way someone lives his or her everyday life? Reflect on possible benefits/ challenges of believing or not believing in God in Britain today.</p>	