


# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# PRIMARY THREE

# TERM THREE

**THEME: Christians grow in Jesus**

**Sub- Theme: Tradition/Custom**

Customs:

A custom is the acceptable way of behaving in a given society.

Examples of customs.

(a) greeting people
(b) paying bride price
(c) naming children
(d) last funeral rites
(e) crying for a dead person.
(f) welcoming visitors at home.

Importance of customs.

(i) Greeting people: It creates friendship and a sign of respect.

(ii) Greeting helps people to feel happy.

(a) Paying bride price:
This practice is a thank you to the parents for looking after the girl well.
(b) Naming children:
- It helps to identify people of the same clan so that they don't marry one another.
- It helps to create good relationship among people of the same clan.

(c) Crying for a dead person:
It helps one to express one's sorrow to the dead person.
(d) Last funeral rites:
- It brings unity among the family and clan members.
- It enables the property of the dead person to be looked after well.
- It is an occasion when people are supposed to stop mourning for the dead person.
- It helps the bereaved family to forget the sorrow created by the death.

Customs in Christian family.

Examples of Christian customs.

- Family members resting on a Sunday.
- Praying before eating.
- Praying while kneeling down.
- Giving out Christmas cards to people.
- Christians sharing a meal.
- Marriage is a Christian custom.
- Buying and donating clothes to the needy people.

**Importance of baptism**.

- It washes away the original sin.
- It brings us to the family of God.
- It makes us to be full Christians.

**Beliefs**

A belief is a feeling that something is true, good or right.

**Examples of Christian beliefs.**

- All things were created by God.
- Stealing is bad.
- There is life after death
- There is a controller of every living and non living thing.
- Jesus is the son of God.

**Examples of Muslim beliefs**.

**A belief in the Quran**

- There is life after death.
- They believe in prophet Mohammed.
- They believe in angels.
- They believe in Allah as the creator.

**LEADERSHIP:**

A leader is a person who controls or manages something.

**Examples of leaders.**

- The president
- Bishops
- Pastors

- Headteachers
- Teachers.

**Qualities of a good leader**.

- Should be kind.
- Should be God fearing.
- Should be honest
- Should be humble.

**Levels of leadership**.

I. **At family level**.
   - father,
   - mother.

**II. At school level**
- headteacher
- deputy headteacher
- Director of studies
- Senior woman teachers.
- Class teachers
- subject teachers
- Head prefect.

**III. At church level**
   - Arch-bishops
   - Bishops
   - Parish priest.

**IV. Community level.**
   - LC5 chairperson (district level)
   - LC3 chairperson (Parish level)
   - LC2 Chairperson (Sub-parish level)
   - LC1 Chairperson (Village level)
   - LC executive members.

**V. Clan level**
   - Clan head
   - Lineage head
   - Family head

Leaders in the Old Testament.

Some leaders in the Old Testament.

- Abraham
- Moses
- Joshua
- Ruth

(a) **Abraham**:
The wife of Abraham was Sarah.
Abraham was the grandfather of believers. Canaan was the new land.
The son of Abraham and Sarah was Isaac.

(b) **Moses**: lived in the country called Egypt. Moses lead the people out of Egypt suffering for a long time.

**Punishments God gave to the Israelites.**

- God sent to them locusts.
- God sent to them heavy rains.
- God killed the animals.

Moses crossed the Red seas and God also gave Moses the ten commandments from Mt. Sinai. Moses died on the way before reaching the promised homeland, God killed him because Moses had disobeyed him.

The ten commandments.

1. Worship no God but me.
2. Do not make idols for worship.
3. Do not use my name for evil purposes.
4. Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy.
5. Respect your father and mother.
6. Do not commit murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not accuse any one falsely.
10. Do not desire another man's wife.

**Joshua as a leader**; (Joshua 1:1-9)

Joshua led the Israelites to the promise land. Ruth: (Read 1:1-22)

Elimelech with his wife Noami.

**Qualities of leaders in the Old Testament.**

(a) They loved the people they led.
(b) They were God fearing.
(c) They dealt with all people fairly.
(d) They always obeyed God.

**Jesus as a leader**.

God the father sent Jesus Christ to save from our sins and showed us life that pleases God all the time.

Qualities of Jesus as a good leader.

- Jesus was a servant of all people.
- Jesus was a humble leader.
- Jesus was loving and caring.
- Jesus was obedient to the civil leaders.
- Jesus was a teacher to his followers.
- Jesus was God fearing.

Activity:

1. ..... is what we call leadership.
2. Name any five levels of leaders at your schools.
3. Who led the Israelites from Egypt?
4. Which leader led the Israelites to the promised land?
5. Give one example to show that Jesus was a good leader.
6. Write down any four qualities of a good leader.

Messengers of God

How God speaks to us.

- By reading the Bible.
- By listening to God's messengers. Examples of the messengers are; angels, prophets, priests, pastors, evangelists.
- Through vision (Note a vision is a dream through which God talks to the dreamer).
- Through direct communication.
- Through creation.

Prophet:

A prophet is a person who delivers messages directly from God.

Examples of prophets in the Bible.

- prophet Isaiah
- Prophet Elijah
- Prophet Moses
- Prophet Noah
- Prophet Job
- Prophet Solomon
- Prophet king David
- Prophet John the Baptism
- Prophet Zechariah
- Prophet Aoran

**Qualities of God's Messengers**.

- They are trustworthy
- They must be people of sound mind.
- They say the truth all times.
- They are protected by God from doing evil things.
- They are usually behave differently to ordinary people.
- They do miracles by the power of God.

**Lessons to learn from the Bible messages**.

- **Genesis 1: 29 – 30**
  In this message God allows us to eat any of the things he created except human beings.

- **Proverbs: 11:25**
  The Message teaches us to give to people in need then God will be pleased and make us successful in what we do.

- **Romans 13: 1-12**:
  This message teaches us the following lessons;
  - To obey laws and order of the government.
  - To punish people who do not obey their leaders at village, district and the country as whole.

- **Galatians 6:7:**
  This message teaches us that there is nothing that can be hidden from God and God cannot be told a lie, He knows and see everything that we do.

**Learning more about Jesus from special messengers.**

The messengers who foretold the coming of Jesus.

- Isaiah: He foretold that Jesus would be wounded, beaten and killed.
- Micah: He foretold that a Saviour was to be born in a town called Bethlehem.

- Zachariah: He foretold that Jesus was to be born and live an exemplary life. He also foretold that Jesus was to go to Jerusalem riding a donkey.
- John the Baptist:
    - He preached about the coming of Jesus Christ and baptized many people.
    - He told people to repent for their sins.
    - The mother of John the Baptist was called Elizabeth.
    - Elizabeth was a sister to Mary the Mother of Jesus Christ.
    - The Father of John the Baptist was called Zechariah
    - John the baptized Jesus in River Jordan and other people.

- **Messages brought by angels**.
    - Angels are spirits who live in heaven with God.
    - Angel Gabriel: He announced the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ.
    - Angel Gabriel told Joseph to marry the Virgin Mary.
    - He also told the parents of Jesus Christ to take Baby Jesus to Egypt to run away from King Herod who wanted to kill him.

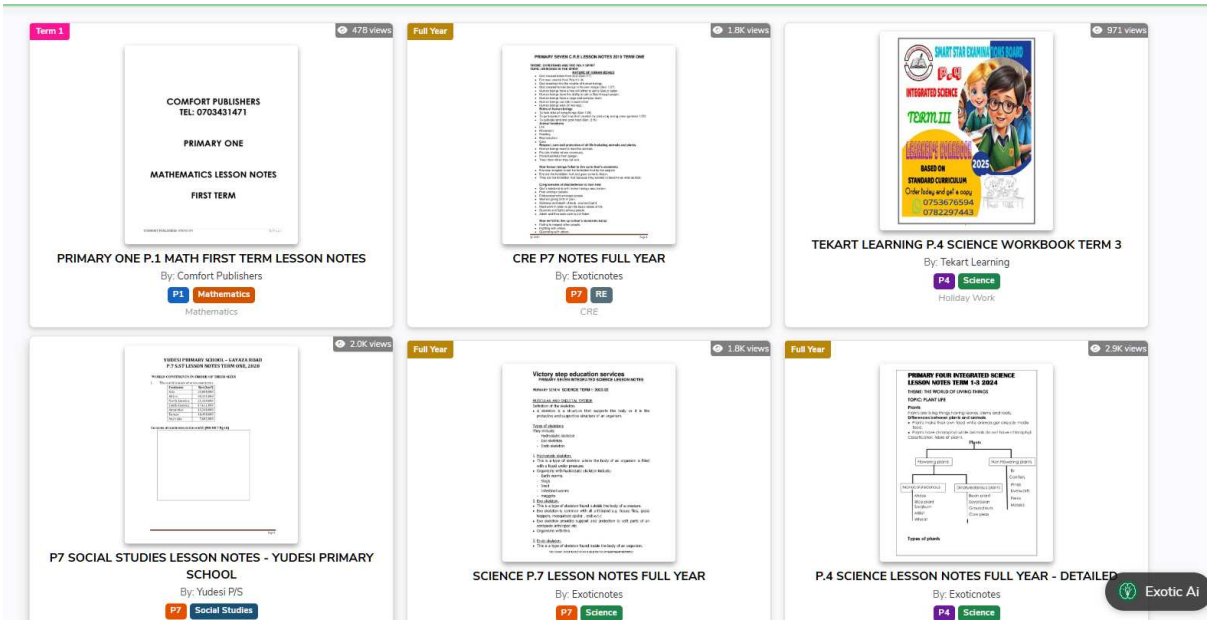
**Ways how God speaks to us**:

- Through the things he created.
- Through messengers.
- Through angels
- Through the Bible.

## Activity;

1. Write down any four ways how God speaks to Christians.
2. Name any one of the prophet of God.
3. List down any four prophets who foretold the coming of Jesus Christ.
4. Who was the Mother of John the Baptist?
5. Who is an angel?

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