

Year 7 Religious Education Vocabulary List

(Tier 2 and Tier 3)



Analogy – a comparison between one thing and another in order to explain an idea

Analyse – separate information into components and identify their characteristics.

Bible – Christian scripture consisting of Old and New Testaments

Comment – present an informed opinion.

Compare – identify similarities and/or differences.

Contrast – to explain the differences between ideas or practices

Covenant – an agreement, in Christianity between God and His people which involves promises and obligations

Creation – to bring something into existence. Catholics believe that God brought the universe into existence

Denomination - subgroup or branch of a religion that has a common name, tradition, faith, and organization

Discern - to recognise or find out; to recognise truth and error

Explain – give reasons for a given belief or action

Eucharist - the Christian service, ceremony, or sacrament commemorating the Last Supper, in which bread and wine are consecrated and consumed

Evaluate – weigh up the arguments for and against a claim

Faith – belief without total proof

Holy Spirit - in Christianity the third person of the Trinity; God as spiritually active in the world

Incarnation – God becoming human in the person of Jesus (in carne = in flesh)

Interpret – explain the possible meaning(s) of scripture and sources of authority

Magisterium - the teaching authority of the Roman Catholic Church, especially as exercised by bishops or the Pope.

Metaphor – a figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea or make a comparison.

Paschal Mystery - Church teaching that God saves us from the consequences of sin through the saving work of Jesus Christ

Pentecost - the Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter

Perspective – a particular attitude towards or way of regarding something; a point of view.

Sacrament – a religious ritual or ceremony in the Catholic Church which allows believers to receive God's grace (love)

Simile – a figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, used to make a description more emphatic or vivid (e.g. *as brave as a lion*).

Trinity - the three persons of the God in the Christian faith; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit