

Subject Specific Terminology

Religious Education

Year 7

Semester 2

Images of God	
Icon	A religious image
Image	A likeness to something
Metaphor	Comparing something to something 'seemingly' quite different
Symbol	Signs used to represent other things
Attributes	Positive features
Characteristics	Key components or features
Creator	Maker; source of life
God	Expression of creator / ultimate power
People of the Covenant	
Passover	The Jewish festival celebrated every spring in connection with the Exodus, when God saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
Covenant	The agreement made between God and his Chosen People (the Jews)
Commandment	A religious or moral guideline based on the Covenant between God and the Jewish people.
Exodus	The delivery of the Israelites (Jewish people) from slavery in Egypt by the power of God.
Israelite	A Jewish or Hebrew person
Promised land	The land of Canaan, promised by God
Decalogue	A list of laws given to the Hebrew people on Mt Sinai, also known as the Ten Commandments
Life and Times of Jesus & Following Jesus	
Annunciation	The visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary to announce to her that she was to have a Son by the power of the Holy Spirit and that she was to name him Jesus.
Apostle	One of the 12 disciples chosen by Christ; one who witnessed Jesus after he had risen from the dead;
Ascension	When Jesus left the earth body and soul, and returned to heaven;
Crucifixion	A common form of execution, during the time of Jesus, where an individual is tied or nailed to a cross. People usually died of suffocation.
Last Supper	Jesus' last Passover meal with his apostles
Marginalised	Those rejected by society
Mission	Jesus' purpose on earth, to carry out the work of God
Parable	A short, symbolic story which conveys a moral teaching in vivid ways.
Passion	The trial and suffering of Jesus before his death.
Pharisees	A right-wing Jewish religious group; they were renowned for keeping all 613 of the Jewish religious laws. They believed in the Resurrection of the body. Many of their traditions were preserved by the Rabbis after the destruction of the Temple.
Resurrection	The rising of Christ from the dead on Easter Sunday. This marked his authority as the Son of God.
Sadducees	The Jewish high priest who lived at the time of King David. Sadducees followed only the Torah and would not consider other religious viewpoints.