**LKS2 Why do Christians believe they are ‘people on a mission’?**

**Prior learning:** Christians are followers of Jesus, the saviour of the world. He died but came back to life.

A cross reminds Christians of his sacrifice, but is also a sign of commitment and God’s love.

Jesus told parables to teach about God’s Kingdom and the right way to live. Christians serve others as a response to being saved.

God offers us forgiveness.

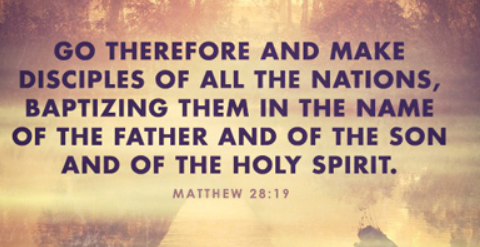
The Holy Spirit reminds Christians God is always with them.

**What should we know?**

Remember every Christian is called by God to be a good influence on the world around them.

**Christians believe:**

* Jesus told his followers to be salt and light in the world.
* Like salt, Christians should encourage what is good in the world.
* Like light, Christians should shine so people can see God in them.
* Jesus gave his followers the job of spreading his message around the world. This is the Great Commission.
* The Holy Spirit gives Christians strength for this task.



**What should we be able to do?**

*Describe how Jesus’ words about salt and light influence a Christian.*

*Describe some things churches typically do as part of their mission to love God and love their neighbour.*

*Describe what a Christian believes about the Holy Spirit and how he empowers Christians to make a difference in the world.*

Miracles like the feeding of the 5,000.

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**What words should we understand and be able to use?**

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| **Mission** | Every Christian is called to worship God as part of a group of believers or church and to serve God in the world and make a difference. This is their mission. | **Great Commission** | When Jesus told his followers to go out into the world and share his message. Found in the Gospel of Matthew in the Bible. |
| **Pentecost** | A celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit found the Bible in the book of Acts. | **Marks of Mission** | The Church of England has five marks of mission - TELL – TEACH – TEND – TRANSFORM – TREASURE. |