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OLD TESTAMENT	Definition
Justice	To make right.
Freedom	To be free.
Moses	Prophet who followed God and leading the Israelites out of Egypt.
Salt and light	Preserve Christianity and set a good example.
Israelites	Hebrew descendants of Jacob (also known as Israel) who lived in Egypt as slaves.
Trinity	One God in three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).
Holy Spirit	The third person of the Trinity – God's invisible and life- giving personal presence.
God the Father	The first person of the Trinity – God the Creator and source.
Jesus the Son	The second person of the Trinity – God revealed in the person of Jesus.
Baptism	Ceremony when people make a commitment to living as a Christian.
Dove	Symbol of peace.
Disciples	Followers (i.e. students or apprentices) of Jesus.
Gospel	Good news.
Incarnation	Embody (God took human form by becoming Jesus).
Messiah	Literally, 'Anointed One' – especially used to refer to the long-expected King that God promised.
Prophecy	A message from God (sometimes predicting the future, sometimes giving God's perspective on events).
Saviour	Rescuer or deliverer.

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Parable	A story which teaches a moral lesson.
Samaritan	Someone from Samaria – Jews and Samaritans did not like each other (Samaritans had different beliefs).
Tax collector	Person who collects tax (for the Roman occupying forces).
Levite	A descendent of the tribe of Levi (especially set apart by God to look after the Temple).
Leper	Somebody who has leprosy and is ill.
Sermon	A spiritual talk (usually about the Bible).
MMND	What Would Jesus Do?
Foundations for living	Morals that Christians build their life on a follow.
Sacrament of Reconciliation	A time to confess (i.e. admit) one's sins and seek forgiveness so that their relationship with God can be set right again.
Good Friday	They day Jesus was executed so everybody's sins could be forgiven.
Passover	When God delivered the Israelites (Jewish slaves) from slavery in Egypt. During the 10 plagues, their firstborn children were 'passed over' and spared death. An annual celebration for every Jew.
Last Supper	The Passover meal that Jesus ate with his 12 disciples on the day before he was crucified – the foundation of Holy Communion (the meal of bread and wine) celebrated by Christians in church.
Resurrection	Jesus's rising from the dead (celebrated on Easter Sunday).
Crucifixion	the way Jesus died by being nailed to a wooden cross – the worst form of Roman punishment.

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Easter	Christian festival (in March/April) which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.
Palm Sunday	The Sunday before Easter, commemorating the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, when the crowds waved palm branches.
Eternal life	Living in relationship with God that starts here and know and goes on forever.
Heaven	God's space – the dimension of reality characterised by the presence of God.
Afterlife	Life after death.
Pentecost	The Greek name for the Jewish festival of Weeks, or Shavuot, which comes seven weeks ("fifty days") after Passover. On the day of this feast, the followers of Jesus received the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Fruits of the Spirit	Character traits of Jesus that the Holy Spirit grows in Jesus' followers. They are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self- control.
Lord's Prayer	It is a prayer that is recited by Christians to teach them how to pray like Jesus and how to talk to God.
Humanism	Belief that you can live a good and fulfilling life without God.
Forbearance	Self-control.
Kingdom of God	The time and place where God rules.
Servant	Somebody who serves others.
Social justice	Unfair things in society.
Unforgiving	Not forgive.