Section D: Key Words

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| Religious Belief | Means the things we believe to be true about God and the faith that we belong to.  |
| Religious Practice | How we show these religious beliefs. It means putting what we believe about God and our faith into practice in our lives.  |
| Prayer | A conversation with God. |
| Worship | Honouring, praising and worshipping God.  |
| World View | Our worldview is how we see the world around us. |
| Trust | To be confident and able to rely on something or someone.  |
| Stages of Faith | Growing and developing of faith from childhood, adolescence and adulthood. |
| Secularism | When a person does not agree with religion influencing society. |
| Search | To seek/look for answers or reasons for things around us. |
| Reflection | To think about something that is happening in our lives and trying to understand how we feel about it.  |
| Question/Questioner | When we ask questions we are interested in learning |
| Polytheism | ‘Poly’ means more than one and ‘theos’ means God so polytheism is the belief in more than one God.  |
| Monotheism | ‘Mono’ means one and ‘theos’ means God so monotheism is the belief in one God. |
| Meaningless | Meaning gives us purpose in life. When things become meaningless they are not important to us anymore.  |
| Meaning | Meaning is something that has importance or significant for us. |
| Mature Faith | The final stage of our faith development when we have reached a meaningful and comfortable stage with God. |
| Materialism | A belief that the only real things in life are material things, things that we can see, smell and feel. |
| Humanism | A humanist’s faith is not in God; it is in humankind. They believe there are no gods or a God.  |
| Fundamentalist | A literal interpretation of sacred scripture. |
| Faith | To believe in God even if we cannot see it, or to commit ourselves to a set of religious beliefs. |
| Experiencing faith | How God may play a part in our understanding of the world. |
| Creation | The story of how the world began. |
| Awe and Wonder | To be filled with curiosity and have admiration or respect for something or someone.  |
| Agnosticism | The belief that the human mind is not capable of knowing whether or not God exists.  |
| Atheism | The belief that there is no God. |
| Personal faith | A person’s own religious beliefs. |
| Adolescent faith | A challenging stage of our faith development when we ask many questions. |