

Year 6: Ravens

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Is Anything Ever Eternal?

Eternal life



God promised Christians they will have eternal life with him up in Heaven.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
afterlife	Life after death. An important part of Christianity is eternal life after death.
agape	In Christianity, means unconditional love. Emotional affection.
Bible	The holy book of the Christian faith.
commandment	A divine rule for Christians to live their lives by.
eternal	Lasting or existing for ever. Without beginning or end.
Heaven	A place up in the sky that Christians believe they go to when they die if they have lived a good life.
Hell	A place underground that Christians believe they go to when they die if they have not lived a good life.
Humanist	A person who does not believe in God, but believes it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion.
neighbour	A person living near someone else. People we are surrounded by.
Parable	A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus.
promise	An assurance that someone will do something specific.
unconditional	Not subject to any conditions. Always stays the same

Parables Jesus Told



A **parable** is a story that is told to get across a meaning. In the **Bible** there are many examples of parables, such as The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son, The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin and The Sheep and the Goat.



The Afterlife

Christians have varying views about the **afterlife**. Traditionally, Christians believed that **Heaven** and **Hell** are physical places. Nowadays, some Christians believe that Heaven and Hell could be states of mind - for example, Heaven might be a place of unending happiness. Muslims are like Christians in views of an **afterlife**, with 89% saying they believe in heaven and 76% believing in hell. Among other non-Christians, however, beliefs that there are places of eternal reward and punishment after death are not as widely held.

Humanists.

Humanism is the faith that human beings can live happily without religion. It values



the welfare of human beings more than religious beliefs. **Humanists** do not believe in an after-life. They do not follow a holy book either. Instead, **Humanists** value traits like reason and rely on science to explain the way things are. It is a type of philosophy of life that allows people to lead a good and fulfilling life.