Year 7 Term 3: The big story

Theology = this is about 'believing'. It looks at where beliefs come from, how they have changed over time, how they are applied in different contexts and how they relate to each other.

Key vocabulary

Temptation = the desire to do something especially wrong or unwise Sin = for Christians this is an attitude of independence from God and doing bad things, rather than obedience **Atonement** = making amends for some wrongdoing

Repentance = sincere regret or remorse Exile = being expelled or barred from your native country

Refugee = a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution or natural disaster Asylum = the protection granted by a state to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee **Zion** = synonym from Jerusalem **Covenant** = promises made by humanity to God; an agreement Messiah = the promised savior of the Jewish nation **Prophecy** = a prediction of what will

happen in the future



The Bible tells of a sacrificial system that was set up in order to deal with the problem of repeated sin.

The Babylonian Empire



"1By the rivers of Babylon we sat down; there we wept when we remembered Zion" ~ Psalm 137



fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine," ~ Exodus 19:5



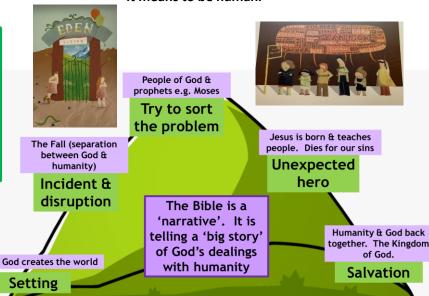
⁵ Now if you obey me







Many Christians see the story of the Fall as a myth – a story that is not necessarily true but contains important truths about what it means to be human.



Creation	The universe & humans are God's creation
The Fall	The separation between God & humans due to Adam & Eve's sin
People of God	God chooses a group of people to have a special relationship with. There are lots of ups and down in this relationship.
Incarnation	God comes to earth in the form of a human: Jesus
Gospel	Jesus' incarnation is 'good news' for all people. Jesus teaches the people how to live and 'love your neighbour'
Salvation	Jesus' death and resurrection opens the way back to God for humans
Kingdom of God	God's ideal for human life in the world. Christians look forward to when God's rule is fulfilled at some future point.