

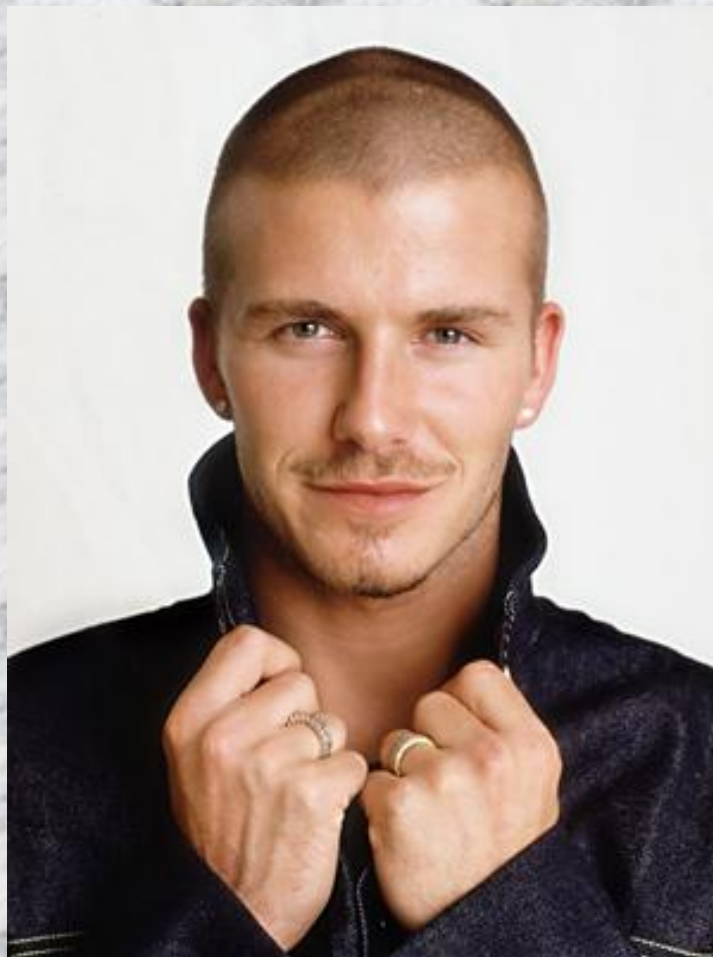
Lesson objective

- The aim of this lesson is to use the Bible and a clip from the film “The invention of lying” to understand more about Christian views on Heaven and Hell

Lesson outcomes

- ALL will be able to explain, in basic terms, different Christian viewpoints on Heaven and Hell
- MOST will be able to use Biblical teachings to provide evidence for those views
- SOME will be to evaluate these different Christian viewpoints for themselves

Heaven or Hell?



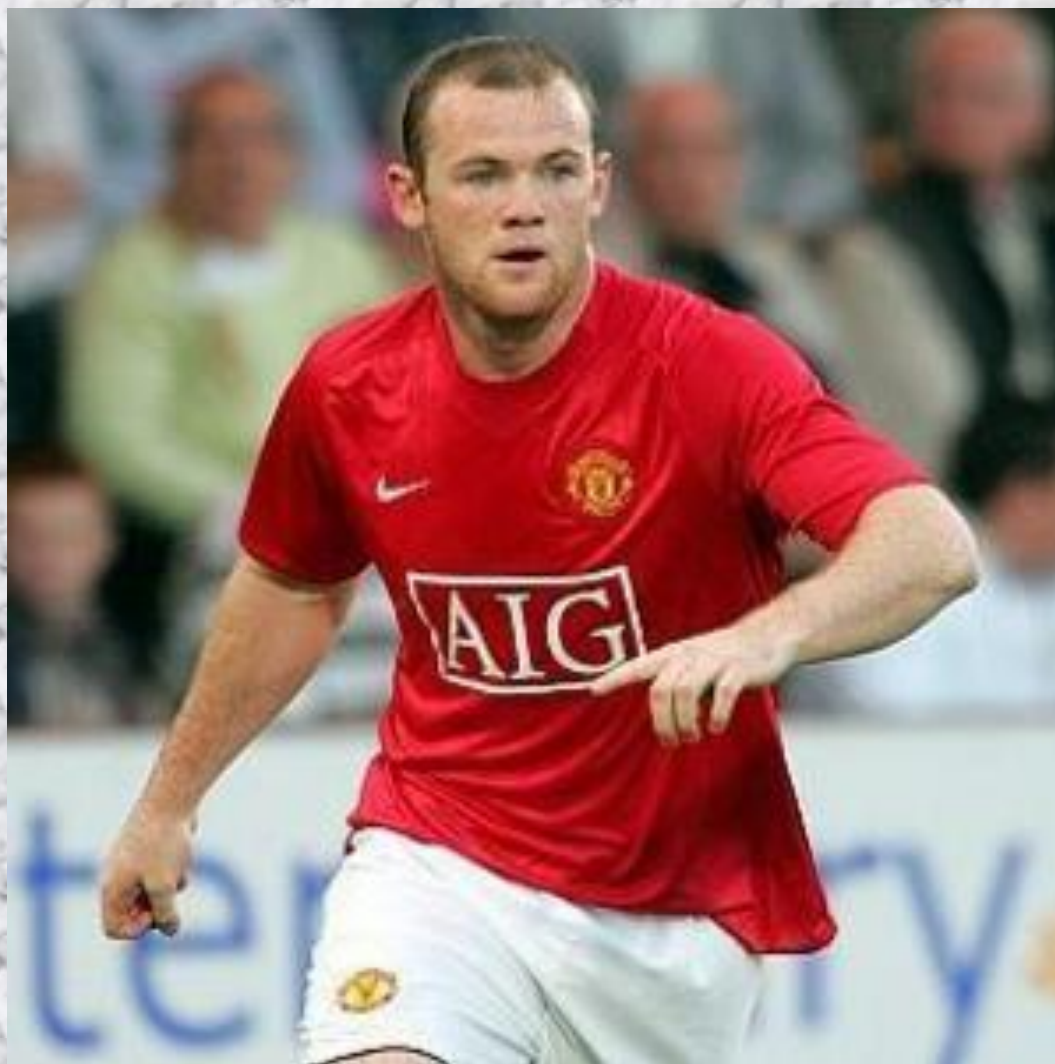
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Task

- Which of these phrases summed up how you made your decision?
- *You go to Heaven unless you are really bad*
- *You go to Hell unless you are really good*
- Is a Christian view the same as either of these?

The invention of lying

- Watch the following clip (timecode 0:56:00-1:03:00). It is the part of the film where Mark (Ricky Gervais) tells the world about the “Man in the sky” and what happens when you die.
- Note down four things that Mark says about the place you go to.

Recap

- Look at the list of things you wrote down and compare them with other people's lists.
- Which things that you have written down sound like how a Christian would describe Heaven or Hell, and which don't?
- How would Christians describe Heaven and Hell?

What is heaven like?

Revelation 21:1-5

- ¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth. ³I heard a loud voice shout from the throne: God's home is now with his people. ⁴He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever. ⁵Then the one sitting on the throne said: I am making everything new.

Task

- What does the text say that makes us think heaven will be a good place?
- Who does the text say will be in heaven and who decides?

What is hell like?

Revelation 20:7-15

- ¹¹I saw a great white throne with someone sitting on it. ¹²I also saw all the dead people standing in front of that throne. Every one of them was there, no matter who they had once been. Several books were opened, and the dead were judged by what those books said they had done. ¹⁴Afterwards anyone whose name wasn't written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

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- What does the text say that makes us think hell will be a bad place?
- Who does the text say will be in hell and who decides?

Not everyone agrees though....

A - We don't have to believe in the physical torments of Hell, but that's not saying they don't exist

B - There is no hell for eternity. God could not be that cruel.

C - Hell is the self-chosen loneliness of the person who loves themselves more than God

Task

- Which point of view – A, B or C – do you agree with the most and why?
- Or you can add a different view of your own and explain that view instead.

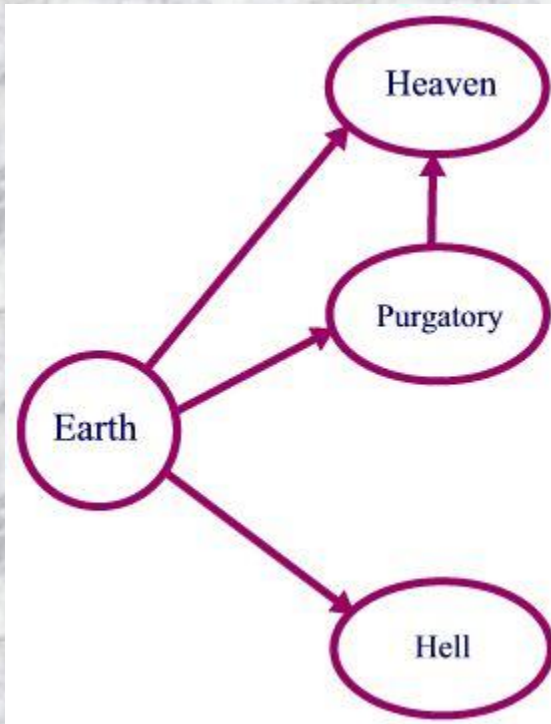
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Roman Catholics and Purgatory

- **Roman Catholic** Christians believe in **PURGATORY**. They think that this is a 'place' for people who have died but are not ready to go straight to heaven.
- They believe that God is offering people one last chance to 'purge' their sins so that they are 'fit' enough (pure, and clean enough) to enter Heaven.
- **PURGATORY** is sometimes called LIMBO.
- Catholics believe that if they pray for the dead persons soul and ask for forgiveness for the sins they committed their soul may reach heaven more quickly.

The Roman Catholic



- Copy out this diagram and underneath it explain
 - A. What purgatory is
 - B. Who goes there
 - C. How can people be moved from purgatory to heaven?

Who goes to heaven?

- In the film Mark says *“I’ve done a bad thing”* to which Anna replies *“That’s OK. You can do three!”*
- This is because Mark has told people that they can do three wrong things and still go to Heaven.
- How would a Christian answer the question “Who will go to heaven”?

Look in the Bible

- Read the following Bible quotes. Make a list of everyone who the quotes say will be going to heaven, and a list of everyone who the quotes say won't be going to heaven.

Who will go to heaven?

Matthew 25:31-40

- ³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all of his angels, he will sit on his royal throne. ³²The people of all nations will be brought before him, and he will separate them. ³⁴Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. ³⁵When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, ³⁶and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me. And whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

Who goes to Hell?

Revelation 21:6-8

- ⁶Everything is finished! I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give water from the life-giving fountain to everyone who is thirsty. ⁸But I will tell you what will happen to cowards and to everyone who is unfaithful or dirty-minded or who murders or is sexually immoral or uses witchcraft or worships idols or tells lies. They will be thrown into that lake of fire and burning sulfur. This is the second death.

Plenary



What is
heaven
like...?



Christians
think
Heaven is...

Remember those
Bible quotes!

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How is hell
different...?

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What about
Purgatory?



Catholics
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