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## **Pupil's understanding of Christianity "unsystematic and confused", says Ofsted**

*"Many of the primary and secondary schools visited did not pay sufficient attention to the progressive investigation of the core beliefs of Christianity"* revealed the UK's school inspectorate, Ofsted, in their latest report - Transforming Religious Education, released 6th June 2010. Yet in well performing schools, *"imaginative use of challenging and evocative resources stimulate(d) the pupils' imagination and encourage(d) them to explore their personal responses"*.

Friends and Heroes - the award-winning TV series for children - can be used by Primary schools to create a *"progressive investigation"* of Christianity's core beliefs and with the associated Schools' Lesson Plans and Pupil Worksheets address many of the report's other comments including the weakness of assessment in RE.

*"To be frank, I am not surprised at Ofsted's findings in this report"*, said David Dorricott, Executive Producer for Friends and Heroes. *"We created this resource so that today's generation of children could better understand the stories of the Bible and hence the claims of Christianity. Any Primary school which wishes to improve its RE teaching in line with Ofsted's latest findings should consider using Friends and Heroes regularly!"*

Friends and Heroes comprises three series, each with 13 episodes and 26 KS2 Lesson Plans and Pupil Worksheets, provided free to schools which purchase the DVDs. Each lesson plan has links to all the UK's RE Curriculum guidelines plus SEAL, PSHE, Literacy and Creative links, making them ideal for cross-curricular work - another of Ofsted's recommendations.

Priced at just £90 per series, including a lifetime series Public Display Licence, hundreds of Primary schools already use this activity-based material in their RE lessons and teachers report that the material is exceptionally good at engaging boys in this subject!

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