

‘Learn Jainism’ Teachers’ Notes **Unit 7C – Mahavira (Religious Figure)**

Mahavira

Mahavira is regarded by Jains as the 24th and last of the Tirthankaras or teachers. You and your pupils can find out more about him on pages 5, 10, 13 and 14 of the book ‘Discover Jainism’.

Classroom Activities

If you look in the ‘Picture Bank’ section of the ‘Learn Jainism’ website you will find some images of Mahavira. Your pupils can freely use these images for their own work.

There is also an online crossword puzzle on the life and teachings of Mahavira in the ‘Fun and Games’ section of the website. Pupils can either go this as a whole class activity using an interactive whiteboard or in smaller groups/ICT pairs.

Ask your pupils to use the resources on the ‘Learn Jainism’ website and in the ‘Discover Jainism’ book to discover more about Mahavira. You can ask your pupils to compare Mahavira with the life and teachings of other great religious leaders such as the Buddha, Jesus or Mohammed.



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We have created a table at the end of these notes that you can use with your pupils. It is intended to be done either as an individual activity or in small groups. Your pupils can then report back to the whole class on their findings.



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Comparing Mahavira with another Religious Leader

In this exercise you should find out as much as you can about the life and teachings of Mahavira using the 'Learn Jainism' website and the 'Discover Jainism' book. Once you have finished your research then you compare what you have found out with another religious leader that you know about. What differences and similarities have you found?

Fill in the line with the name of the religious leader that you are comparing with Mahavira.

Similarities between Mahavira and _____



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Differences between Mahavira and _____



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