

KEY TO LIFE?

AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE



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An introduction to **Key to Life** for schools





What is **Key to Life**?

Key to Life is an award-winning mobile experience which delivers elements of the RE syllabus for Key Stage 2 pupils, but is also adaptable for Key Stage 1.

Using floor-to-ceiling touch screens, children can watch films, interact with games and quizzes, and take part in small group discussions-helping them explore what Christians believe, and understand how the story of Jesus is the key to Christianity.

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See, Hear, Smell, Touch!



A truly immersive experience - *Key to Life* is housed in a purpose-built vehicle which extends into an interactive learning space, and uses scent, sound, touch screens and high quality media to transport pupils to the life and times of Jesus.

Lessons can last from 30 minutes to 1 hour and cover topics such as: Who is Jesus? What did he do? What did he teach? Why did he die? Why is Jesus so important to Christians today?



What is included in the lesson?


Aimed at KS2, but able to be shortened into a KS1 lesson, content can include:

- The Christmas story
- Jesus in history
- A story Jesus told
- A miracle Jesus did
- The Easter story
- Does it matter now?
- Closing session

“The Key to Life was a huge success with both children and staff, a real talking point in the staffroom. Many thanks for offering us the opportunity.”

Head teacher in Cardiff





“Highly engaging and informative – our class really enjoyed the experience. The children received a deeper understanding of who Jesus was in history and the importance of all his actions... It gave them a safe place to discuss and explore”

(Year 4 teacher)

Lesson outline in stages

Christmas

Pupils touch screens to decorate a nativity scene, and watch a film about Jesus' birth. Followed by a vote, in which pupils say who they think Jesus was.

Timeline

Pupils create a timeline, putting Jesus into the context of world events, then play two interactive Bible games.

Parables

An animation of the Parable of the Lost Son, including an interactive story-boarding activity and small-group discussions.

Miracles

A film of the Healing of the Paralysed Man, and a game that considers the characters' feelings, followed by small-group discussions.

Easter

Film and discussion about why the cross is important to Christians.

Why does it matter?

Short film biographies allow pupils to meet some individuals for whom being a Christian makes a difference.

Closing session

Finally, pupils vote again, and share their own opinions about Jesus.

Timings

Set-up time for mobile classroom (once a week) 2-3 hours

Timings for presentation

Organising and arranging students 5 mins

Introductory video 3 mins

Presenter introduction 3 mins

Main presentation 31 mins

Leave unit 3 mins

Presentation time in total 45 mins (approx)

Time needed to dismantle (and leave site) 2-3 hours



Specifications

Dimensions

When packed away for driving the vehicle is 8.6m long, 2.9m wide (2.55m wide when the wing mirrors are folded in), and 4.3m tall. The dimensions of the unit when set-up are 11.5m long, 7.5m wide, and 4.3m tall. However, a 12m by 10m space is required to allow room around the unit for set-up, dismantling, and disabled access.

Weight

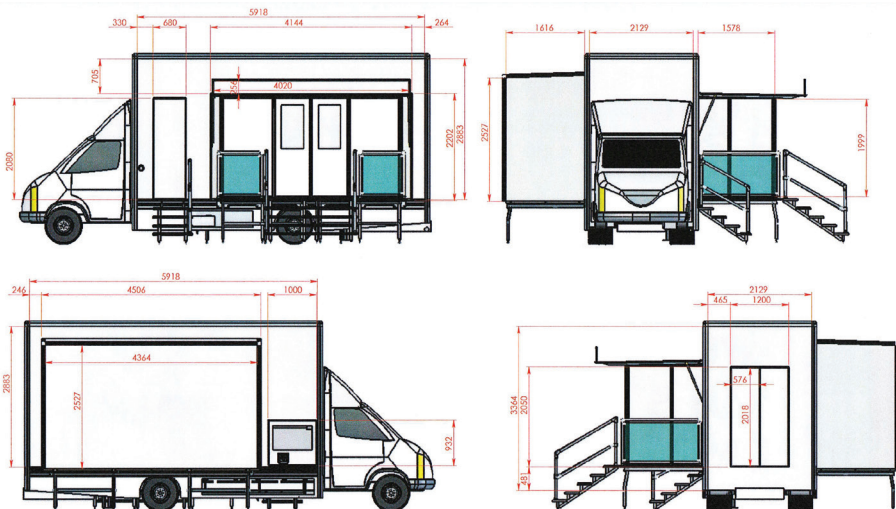
The vehicle weighs approximately 7 tonnes.

Parking Surface

Hardstanding, playground or car-park is the ideal. The surfaces should be as flat as possible, but if there is a slope, the vehicle should be parked up the slope rather than across the slope.

Power

The power supply consists of a 230/250 volt single-phase current at 50Hz, standard supply in the UK. For full operation a 32amp capacity is required. The vehicle has its own generator: however it can also run off the school power supply.



Why should we host **Key to Life**?

There are many great reasons to host Key to Life:

- **No planning** – *Key to Life* is set-up and presented by a trained team of volunteers, and doesn't require any extra planning from teachers.
- **Unique** – Floor-to-ceiling touch screens allow pupils to engage with the story of Jesus and the Christian faith at their own pace, and in a memorable way.
- **Builds skills** – The structured lesson encourages critical thinking, reading, listening and empathy with life stories of others. Children will engage and discuss in order to reach their own conclusions.
- **Trustworthy** – Designed with the input of education specialists to fit into any RE syllabus, and welcomes and respects visitors from any faith background or none.
- **Collaboration** – Other schools might prefer to visit the unit at a single host-school central location.
- **Accessible to all**
– The unit is equipped with a wheelchair lift and is suitable for children with special needs.



What others say about **Key to Life?**



“ Key to Life? is one of the most innovative resources I have seen in a long time to bring to life, with new technology, the importance of an age old story to a new generation”

Dave Boden, Ethos Strategic Lead, Grace Academy Trust

“I have never seen technology used as effectively in engaging and motivating a whole class of children at one time.”

Year 3 teacher, Lillington Nursery and Primary School

“Excellent and informative lesson... Not just RE based, but touched on geography and history too. Children learnt new things but also got to build on prior knowledge. **BRILLIANT!**”

Year 6 teacher

How do we book?

You will need a flat area which measures 12 metres by 10 metres to park the **Key to Life** unit.

If you would like **Key to Life** to visit your school, please contact the local organiser who provided you with this brochure.

For more information on this exciting resource visit:

www.keytolife.media

Who's behind **Key to Life**

Key to Life is run by Christian charity *Counties*. Established in 1899 and with over 25 years' experience of working with both primary and secondary schools, *Counties* aims to provide churches and schools with resources to make Christianity understandable and accessible in the 21st century. Other resources include the multi-media *Life exhibition* for primary schools (since 2006) and the popular *GSUS Live* mobile classrooms for secondary school pupils (since 2000).

For more information visit countiesuk.org



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