

GCSE Religious Studies (new specification) 2RS01/3RS01

The following is a list of possible TV programmes and films for use in GCSE Religious Studies.

Note - teachers will have to link these suggested TV programmes and films to the relevant bullet points in the specification. Students will not be asked to describe a programme in detail.

For TV programmes a link has been provided to the relevant page on the broadcaster's website where clips, whole programmes or further information can be found.

General

Film / programme
The Big Questions BBC
Songs of Praise BBC
Revelations Channel 4
Belief File BBC
Eastenders BBC
Coronation Street ITV
An Island Parish BBC
Around the World in 80 Faiths BBC

Believing in God

Film / programme	Theme
Simpsons Various episodes, but especially Heaven and Hell collection	Various
Futurama Episode Bender the God	Characteristics of God
Bruce Almighty	Characteristics of God Free Will Unanswered Prayer
Truman Show	Free will
Matrix	Free Will
Millions	Miracles
Only Fools and Horses Episode - Miracles of Peckham	Miracles
Make me a Christian Channel 4	Why people believe in God
Make me a Muslim Channel 4	Why people believe in Allah
Root of all Evil (Richard Dawkins) Channel 4	Why some people might not believe in God
Tsunami: Where was God Channel 4	Evil and suffering

Matters of Life and Death

Film / programme	Theme
Flatliners	Death
Million Dollar Baby	Euthanasia
The English Patient	Euthanasia
The Sea Inside	Euthanasia
Vera Drake	Abortion
Cider House Rules	Abortion
Gattacca	When life begins (Also genetic engineering for unit 8)
Slum Dog Millionaire	World poverty
What Dreams May Come	Reincarnation
Birth	Reincarnation
Ghost Town	Life after death
Ghost	Life after death

Marriage and the family

Film / programme	Theme
Jesus Camp More 4	Religious upbringing
A Jihad for Love More4	Islam and Homosexuality
Finding Nemo	Importance of the Family
White Girl BBC	Community cohesion Importance of the family
My Big Fat Greek Wedding	Importance of the family Community Cohesion
You Me and Dupree	Marriage
The Wedding Planner	Marriage

Religion and community cohesion

Film / programme	Theme
Shrek 2	Prejudice
Vicar of Dibley BBC	Equal rights for women
Bend it like Beckham	Community Cohesion
Rabbit Proof Fence	Community Cohesion (Australia)
White Girl BBC	Community cohesion Importance of the family
My Big Fat Greek Wedding	Importance of the family Community Cohesion