Talking like a student of religion
Sentence Stems

- This story teaches me that…
- I believe that…
- The special thing about…
- It is different because…
- It is the same because…
- This story made me feel… because…
- I think what's going to happen is…
- Why did… happen?
- I like/dont like because…
- It looks like… because

- In [religion], people believe that …
- In [place of worship], people…
- [Religious figure] is important because…
- The [sacred text] in [religion] teaches us that…
- People celebrate [festival] because it teaches us to…
- I wonder why…
- What if…?
- The most important is…
- They are similar because…
- They are different because…
- I know that…
- I noticed…
- In my opinion..
- This song / story /poem makes me feel… because…
- My big idea is…
- My partner thinks..
- I agree because…
- I disagree because…

- In [religion], people believe that [concept] because…
- In [place of worship], people..
- One of the key beliefs in [religion] is…
- People celebrate [religious events] because it teaches…
- The [sacred text] teaches us that…
- The moral of the story is that…
- An argument for… is…because…..
- An argument against…is… because…..
- I feel that this story shows us how to…
- It reminds me of… because…
- I conclude that… because…

- Based on… I predict that…
- I wonder why…?
- I appreciate your opinion because…
- However, I think differently because…
- This song / story / poem makes me feel… because…
- What is your opinion…

- The teachings of [religious figure] are important because
- I think Jesus would [action] because…
- In [religion], people believe that
- The [place of worship] in [religion] is important because
- Another feature..
- The [symbol] in [religion] represents because..
- The [story/parable] teaches us..
- In conclusion, I believe that ..
- Perhaps some people would argue that…
- However, I would point out that…
- A difference I have noticed..
- A similarity I have noticed…
- My view is that…
- Some people believe that..
- My thoughts / ideas /feelings about this big question are…
- I would like to prove /disprove….
- Having analysed…

For a more comprehensive list of sentence stems, please refer to the following document: Progression in Language Structure through Religious Education