

Topic RE: What makes some places special to believers? Term: Summer 2 Year: 1 and 2 Duration: 6 weeks

What I already know:

Children will already know:

- In foundation, children would have encountered Christianity as part of their growing sense of self, their own community and their place within it.
- some religious stories making connections with personal experiences.
- That Christians believe in God.
- That Christmas and Easter are important Christian celebrations.



Wonderful words

Jewish: Relating to the religion of Judaism.

Holy: Something that is considered to be good because it relates to religion

Christian: Anything that is part of, or someone who follows Christianity.

Place of Worship: A building where religious people gather to praise and worship God.

Muslim: A person who submits to the will of Allah by following the religion of Islam or something relating to the religion of Islam.

Community: A group of people who have something in common

Sacred: Something connected with God or dedicated to a religious purpose

Worship: To praise and follow God

Church: The Christian place of worship

Mosque: The Muslim place a worship

Shabbat: A day of rest for Jewish people, the seventh day of the week

Synagogue: The Jewish place of worship, sometimes called a shul.

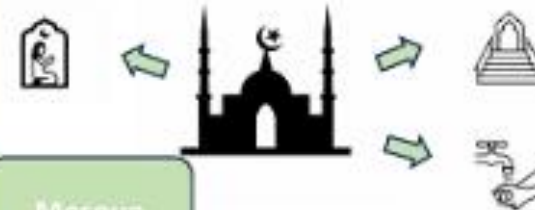
So how does it all work?



Synagogue



Church



Mosque

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Important information

Places of worship are important to many religious people whichever religion they follow. The main purpose of a place of worship is to allow the community to come together and to worship together. This special purpose makes a place of worship a sacred space for religious people as it is dedicated to worshipping God.

A church is a holy building for Christians where they come together to worship God and also to celebrate key events in the lives of the people who worship there.

Jewish people will come together to worship God in a synagogue which means meeting place and is sometimes called a shul or school. Many Jewish people will gather together at the synagogue on Shabbat as this is the seventh day of the Jewish week and a day of rest.

The mosque is an important place of worship for the Muslim community, it allows them to come together for salah every day and for Friday Prayers so that Muslims can worship Allah as one.

Many places of worship also hold community events that also help people become part of their religious community. Many events related to special times in the life of a religious person are often held in a place of worship, these can include joining a religion, getting married or when a person dies.