

Alder Coppice Primary School — Knowledge Organiser

Religious Education

Year: 3

Unit 5: Let's explore a place of worship - church study

Links to: Year 1 Unit 2, Unit 3 & Unit 4, Year 2 Unit 6

What I Should Already Know:

Christmas is a Christian celebration, where gifts are given and received, and people go to church.

Baptism is a Christian ceremony in which a baby is given a name and welcomed into the Christian Church.

A place of worship is somewhere people go to connect with their religion. It builds a community where people can share their experiences with religion.

Subject Vocabulary:

Place of Worship is a special place within a religion where believers go to pray, worship, learn about their religion and spend time as a community

Christian: Someone who believes in the teachings of Jesus and a follower of the religion of Christianity

Christianity: A religion based on a belief in God and the life and teachings of Jesus

Worship: To worship means to act in a way that shows great respect and/or love for someone. People often worship God

Bible: A sacred book for Christians

Jesus: The teacher and founder of Christianity.

What I should know by the end of the Unit

A church is a building used for Christian religious worship. The word church can also mean a group of Christian people. Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth are special places for Christians.

Churches have Christian symbols representing different ideas and beliefs. These can be found inside and as part of the Church building outside.

It is a place where babies are christened, people are married, and funerals are held.

Unit Specific Vocabulary:

Church: is a building used for Christian religious worship. The word church can also mean a group of Christian people.

Gargoyle: Many older churches have gargoyles carved into the stone. Gargoyles are strange looking creatures which were believed to scare away evil spirits.

Bell Tower: Many churches also have a bell tower. This is the home to the bell which is rung before a service to let people know it is time for worship.

Stained glass windows: These often show pictures of Bible stories.

A cross: This reminds people that Jesus died on a cross. Some churches are even built in the shape of a cross.

Font: This is where part of the Baptism service takes place. The font holds Holy water.

Pulpit: A raised platform from which the church leader can teach from the Bible.

Holy communion: This is where some Christians drink wine and eat bread to remember the events of the last supper.

Baptism: This is also known as a Christening. At somebody's baptism, the church officially welcomes them into God's family.

Funerals: When a Christian dies, a funeral is held for family and friends.

Wedding: A Christian church wedding is a special ceremony where a bride and groom come together to declare their love and devotion to one another. in front of God, family and friends.

Bethlehem: where Jesus was born.

Jerusalem: where Jesus did lots of his preaching when he was an adult.

Nazareth: Where Jesus spent most of his life.

Skills & Enquiry:

How Beliefs are expressed Church Study

To describe religious buildings and the symbolism within it.

Values and Reflections

To explore how an appreciation of religion plays an important role in the lives of some people.

