

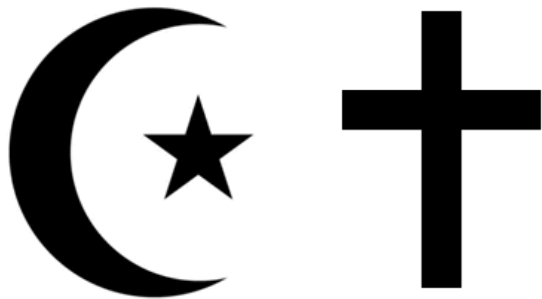
RE Knowledge Organiser

Key Question

Why are some places sacred to believers?

Topic Overview

Throughout this unit, we make connections to learning from earlier in the year: how do places of worship connect with Christian and Muslim beliefs and practices studied? Talk about how the words 'sacred' and 'holy' are used. Do they have any things that are holy and sacred? Find out how the place of worship is used and talk to some Christians and Muslims about how and why it is important in their lives. Notice some similarities and differences between places of worship and how they are used, talking about why people go there: to be friendly, to be thoughtful, to find peace, to feel close to God. Explore the meanings of signs, symbols, artefacts and actions and how they help in worship. Explore how religious believers sometimes use music to help them in worship and listen to some songs, prayers or recitations used in holy places. Use the idea of community: a group of people, who look after each other and do things together. Are holy buildings for God or for a community or both?



Key Vocabulary

church	a place of worship for Christians
mosque	a place of worship for Muslims
synagogue	a place of worship for Jewish people
community	a group of people with something in common
faith	believing something is true and committing your life to it
belonging	an affinity for a place or situation
sacred	connected with God or dedicated to a religious purpose

Learning Outcomes

Recognise that there are special places where people go to worship, and talk about what people do there

Identify at least three objects used in worship in two religions and give a simple account of how they are used and something about what they mean

Identify a belief about worship and a belief about God, connecting these beliefs simply to a place of worship

Give examples of stories, objects, symbols and actions used in churches, mosques and/or synagogues which show what people believe

Give simple examples of how people worship at a church, mosque or synagogue

Talk about why some people like to belong to a sacred building or a community

Think, talk and ask good questions about what happens in a church, synagogue or mosque, saying what they think about these questions, giving good reasons for their ideas

Talk about what makes some places special to people, and what the difference is between religious and non-religious special places.