



Our Learning Keys

Unit 2.1 Where, how and why do people worship?

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Questions

- What do people feel as they worship?
- Why do some people choose to go to a place of worship?
- What connections can we make between how people in different faiths worship, and to our own lives?

Images



Vocabulary

worship	showing respect for God (through praying, singing, etc.)
church	the building where Christians worship
mosque	the building where Muslims worship
gurdwara	the building where Sikhs worship
mandir	the building (temple) where Hindus worship
shrine	a space (in a house or anywhere else) used to worship or remember God
liturgy	Christian public worship
puja	Hindu worship

Facts

- Christians worship God in a **church**. Jewish people worship God in a **synagogue**.
- Muslims worship and pray five times a day. This can either be at the **mosque** or at home. When Muslims pray, they will do so facing Mecca.
- The most important day for Muslims is Friday. Many Muslims will go to Friday prayer in the mosque.
- Reciting or writing the **Shahada** is an act of worship carried out by Muslims.
- **Puja** is done by Hindus daily, either in the **mandir** or in a small ceremony at home.
- Hindus have many Gods, although each one reflects a different part of the one Supreme Being: **Brahman**. Each mandir or shrine is usually dedicated to one God.
- Cooking and serving a **langar** is an important act of worship for Sikhs. This is normally done in the Gurdwara.
- In some religions, men and women worship together; in others they are separate.

Links

- Literacy: What is the meaning of the words in prayers?
- Art: How is art used to create symbolic objects?
- Music: What elements would we find in music used in worship?
- Geography: Can you draw and label a simple map of a place of worship?
- Geography: Which way is Mecca?
- Food Technology: How is food used in worship?

Doors this will open...

Author

Religious leader

Teacher

Architect

Artist



Previously...

In Year 1, we learnt about places that were significant (both religious and secular) and sacred.

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Next...

In Year 4, we will learn about how faith is expressed in Sikh and Hindu communities and traditions..