

Merry Hill Infant School and Nursery - Knowledge organiser

Religious Education

Topic: Special Places

Year Group : 2

Term: Spring

Key Knowledge



Special places

Jewish people reflect, worship and pray in a Synagogue like this one on Bushey Heath. This Synagogue is called Bushey United Synagogue and it has over 1, 200 members who come together in this special place to pray every weekday and Sabbath.

Hindu people reflect, worship and pray in a Temple like this one in Watford. This Temple is called the Bhaktivedanta Manor and it hosts over 60, 000 people for the Krishna Janmashtami festival every year in August, when Hare Krishna members come together in this special place to pray every day.



Muslim people reflect, worship and pray in a Mosque like this one in Central Watford. This Mosque is called the Watford Jamia Mosque and it offers prayer times throughout the day for Muslims to come together to pray in this special place.



Sikh people reflect, worship and pray in a Gurdwara like this one in Hitchin. This Gurdwara is called the Sri Guru Singh Sabha and it offers a special space for Sikhs to come together to pray, as well as offering activities and classes such as Punjabi and martial arts lessons.

Key Vocabulary

Reflection	Thinking about something carefully
Worship	To tell a God of some sort that you love him/her/it
Christian	A person who follows the religion of Christianity
Christianity	The religion followed by Christian people, who believe that Jesus is the son of God
Church	The special place that Christians go to reflect, worship and pray
Priest/Vicar	The person who leads the services for Christian people in a church
Cross	The main symbol of Christianity, reminding Christians of the love of Jesus
Font	Basin, found in a Church, and filled with holy water which is used for a Christening
Altar	God's table, in a Church, where gifts and offerings can be made to God
Lectern	A desk used to place a book on whilst you read from it
Statues or Artwork	Decorations of models of people who are special/important or Stories/scenes taken from the Bible
Pulpit	A small, raised platform where a member of the Church stands to read a lesson or to give a sermon to the congregation
The Bible	The holy book for Christian people made up of the Old Testament and the New Testament
Rituals	A set of actions that people do, often to do with their religion or faith
Jesus	Christian people believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to earth to teach people about love and friendship and was a guiding light for the world
Jewish	A person who follows the religion of Judaism
Judaism	The religion of Jewish people who follow the teachings in the Old Testament
Hindu	A person who follows the religion of Hinduism
Hinduism	The religion of Hindu people who believe the supreme God of Brahman is the creator of everything

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Prayers

- Prayers are a way for people to talk to their God
- Prayers can be used to praise God
- Prayers can be used to ask God for forgiveness if someone has done something not-so-good
- Prayers can be used to thank God for something
- Prayers can be used to ask God for something
- Different faith groups/communities will pray to different Gods
- Different faith groups/communities will pray in different ways



Different ways that people can pray



A Christian prayer

This is an example of a Christian prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. It is called “Our Father” and it praises God as well as asking God for forgiveness and guidance to

A Jewish prayer

This is the first line of a Jewish prayer, written in Hebrew letters:

שְׁמַע יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.

The prayer is called the, “Shema” and this first line means, “Hear Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one!”

The Shema is a long prayer that praises God but the first line is considered to be the most important as it tells everyone that Jewish people believe in only one God.



A Hindu prayer

This is an example of a Hindu prayer, written in Devanagari script with the translation next to it:

ॐ भूर्भुवः स्वः

तत्सवितुर्वरेण्यं

भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि

धियो योनः प्रचोदयात्



May my intellect be steady without agitation, May it

be clear without anger or passion. May the brilliant light of the sun

beam through my intellect so that perception of the world may be

clear, my discrimination subtle, my judgment correct and quick, and

my comprehension of persons and situations precise and wise.

It is called “The Gayatri Mantra” and is the most important Mantra (prayer chant) in Hinduism, praising Savitr, a Sun God. Some Hindus believe it is praising the One Supreme Creator, Aum.