Newport Infant School— Religious Education

Key Stage 1 Year 1

Unit: Christian Churches and Jewish Synagogues

What should I already know?

I know people have different cultures, traditions and beliefs.
Christians believe in God and Jesus.
Christians have a special book called a bible.
I know some Christian bible stories.

What I will know by the end of the unit

- There are lots of places that are special to different people. Different religions have different sacred buildings..
- The Church is a special place for Christians. The Synagogue is a special place for Jews.
- Not all churches look the same but lots of them do have these things: stained glass windows, bible, font, pulpit, pews.
- Some things you will find inside a Synagogue: bimah, menorah, Yad, Torah scrolls, separate areas for men and women to sit.
- The Vicar is the person who looks after the Church and leads the services.
- The Rabbi is the person who leads services at the Synagogue.
- Different services happen in sacred buildings: worship service, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms (in a Church).
- I will talk about the atmosphere in these sacred places.
- I will talk about a place that is special to me.

Symbols / Images



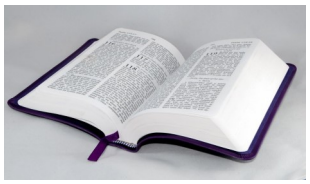
St Nicholas Church



Stoke-on-Trent Synagogue



Torah Scrolls



Bible

Vocabulary

baptism	When people become a Christian. Also known as a Christening if it is a baby or child.
bimah	Raised platform from where the Torah is read and some services delivered.
church	A building used for Christian worship
font	Filled with water to use in a baptism, often made from stone
Jews	People who follow the religion Judaism and originate from the Hebrews.
menorah	Special candle holder with 7 branches.
pew	A long bench with a back
prayer	Speaking to God to ask for help or forgiveness or to say thank you
pulpit	A raised stand where the lesson is delivered in a Church
service	A religious ceremony that follows a set form
Stained glass window	Window made from coloured glass and usually put together to make a pattern or picture
synagogue	A building used for Jewish worship.
Torah Scrolls	Handwritten copy of the Torah, the five books of Moses , which is the special book for Jews.
yad	A silver pointer used when reading the Torah