

Places of Worship

A task setting PowerPoint about the Christian church for Key Stage 2.

Starter Activity



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- Who might visit them?
- What might happen in them?

Aim

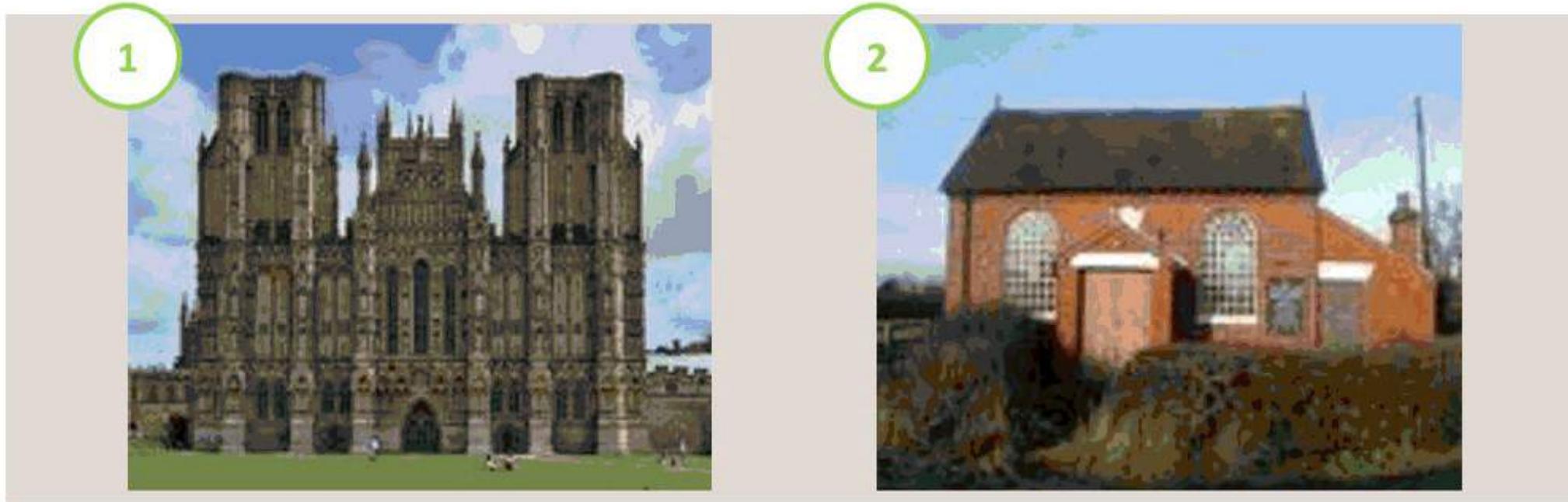
- To learn about the Christian church and its importance to individuals and the community.

Success Criteria

- I can describe similarities and differences between a variety of Christian churches which exist throughout the world.
- I can name and describe the significance of special objects found within Christian churches.
- I can explain why church is an important place for many people by describing acts of worship and other special events which take place here.
- I can explain how and why Christians worship in the home.

Churches throughout the world.

- Church buildings throughout the world vary hugely!
- Church buildings reflect the people who built them, when they were built and the needs of the Christians who worship in them.



Here are two churches in the UK.

How might each church reflect who built them?

How might location have affected how big each church needed to be?

Churches throughout the world.



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Wells Cathedral, Wells

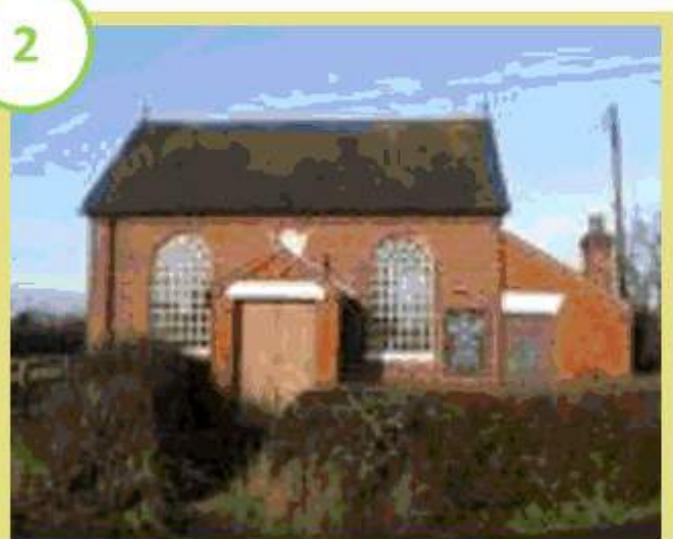
Wells Cathedral was planned by a Bishop in 1175. It was built to be the seat of the Bishop (an important Christian leader).

The church is so grand because it was meant to be the central building for Christianity in its area of the country.

Sutton-on-the-Hill Methodist Chapel, Derbyshire

This chapel was built by the Methodist church.

It was built to serve a very small, rural village, so small that it doesn't have a shop. Therefore the church could be simple and small.



2

Churches throughout the world.

Here are some more examples of how churches around the word reflect the people who built them and who worships in them.



Hillsong Church in Cape Town, South Africa.

The modern building reflects a modern way of worshipping.

Congregations here worship with rock music and dress casually.

St. Artemios church, Santorini, Greece

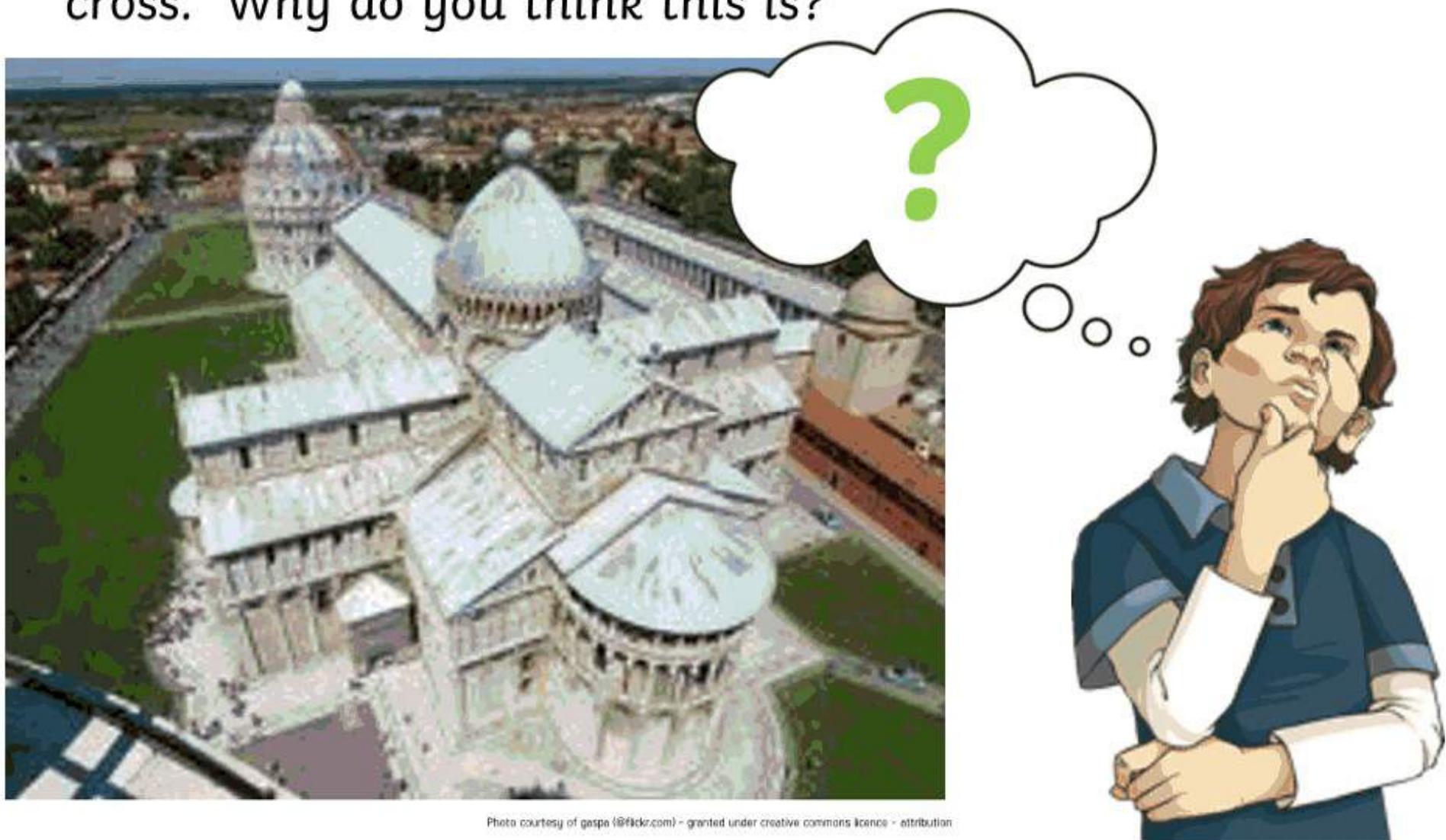
This old church building reflects the local architecture of the island.

Many people on Santorini would have felt very connected to the sea, perhaps this is why the church and other buildings are blue and white?



Look out for these other special features!

- Some churches or cathedrals are built in the shape of the cross. Why do you think this is?



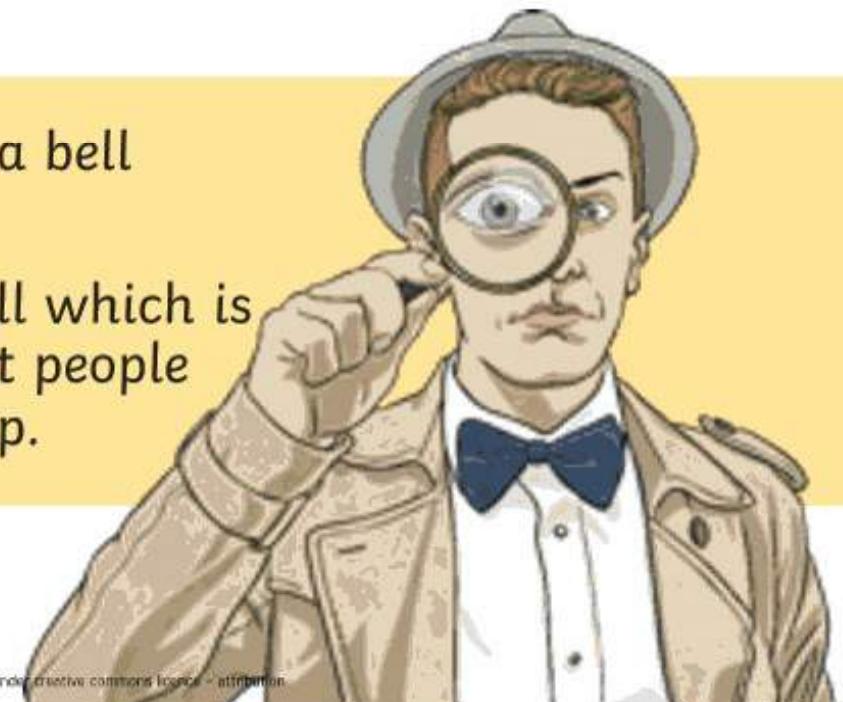
Look out for these other special features!

- Many older churches have gargoyle carvings in the stone.
- Gargoyles are strange looking creatures which were believed to scare away evil spirits.



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.



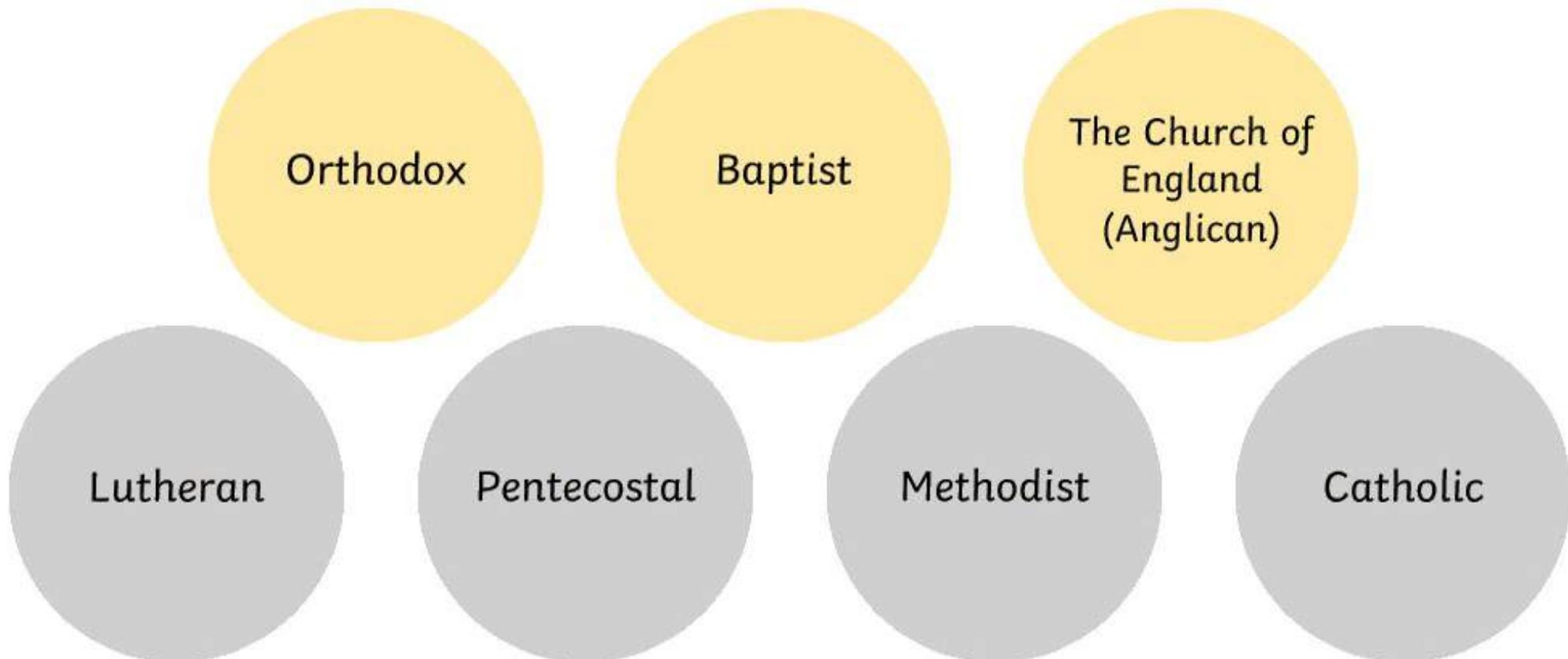
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- Stained glass windows often appear in Christian churches depicting the life of Jesus.



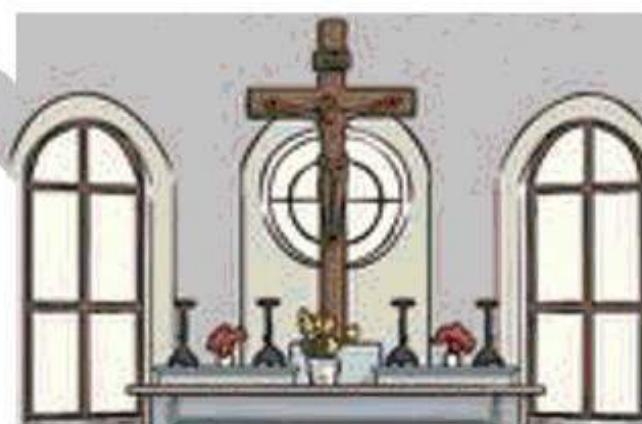
Denominations

- Around the world you'll also find churches belonging to many different denominations.
- A denomination is a group within the church as a whole, who have come together because of a particular set of beliefs. Some of the major denominations are:

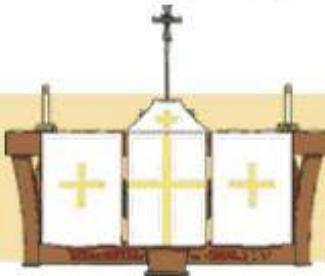


Things you might find in a church.

- If you went into a church in this country, talk to your partner about what you might find.



Things you might find in a church.



- Altar: The table at the very front of the church which holds the bread and wine.



Cross: This is the symbol of Christianity because Jesus died on a cross.



Candle: Candles are common in churches as they represent Jesus as the light of the world.

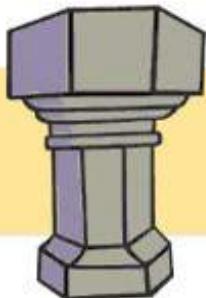


Organ: An instrument played to accompany traditional hymns.

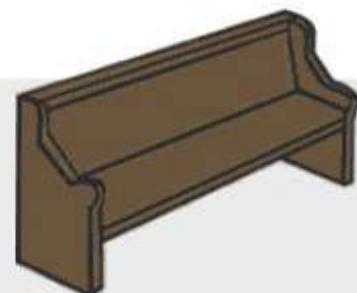


Musical Instruments: Christians can worship God using a wide variety of instruments, from guitars to cellos.

Things you might find in a church.



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



Seating Area: The people who come to church services are called the congregation and they sit here. Some churches have long wooden pews or individual chairs.



Lectern: Where the Bible sits. Readings are read from here during a service.



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

Why do people go to church?

- Christian churches hold services of worship every Sunday. There are usually other events happening at churches throughout the week such as bible studies, social events and prayer nights.



Christians go to church to praise God together as a group, and to build friendships with other Christians (called fellowship) and learn from the Bible together.

Why do people go to church?

- During a Sunday service, the congregation will usually sing hymns and songs together as a way of worshipping God, and listen to Bible teaching and readings together.

Christians also receive 'Holy communion' at church. This is where some Christians drink wine and eat bread to remember the events of the last supper. With the wine they remember Jesus' blood and with the Bread they remember Jesus' body, when he was crucified on the cross.



Jesus took bread and wine and shared it with his disciples the night before he was killed. This is known as The Last Supper.

Important Occasions in Church

Weddings

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.

The couple make important promises in front of God, and there are Bible readings and worship songs.

The bride usually wears a white gown and rings are exchanged as a symbol of never ending love.



Important Occasions in Church

- Baptisms - This is also known as a Christening. At somebody's baptism, the church officially welcome them into God's family.
- Both babies or adults can be baptised. The vicar can pour Holy water over the person's head, dunk their head in Holy water or fully immerse the person in Holy water.
- This is done because John the Baptist baptised Jesus like this in the Bible.



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

This is a chance for everyone to say goodbye and to thank God for their life.



Worship at Home

- Many Christians say prayers at home too. They might be prayers asking for help, or saying thank you for something.

At home Christians may pray on their own, with their family or even with groups of other Christians.

Some Christians have their church services in peoples homes. Sometimes this is by choice, but Christians in some parts of the world have to meet secretly in homes because Christianity is banned in their country.

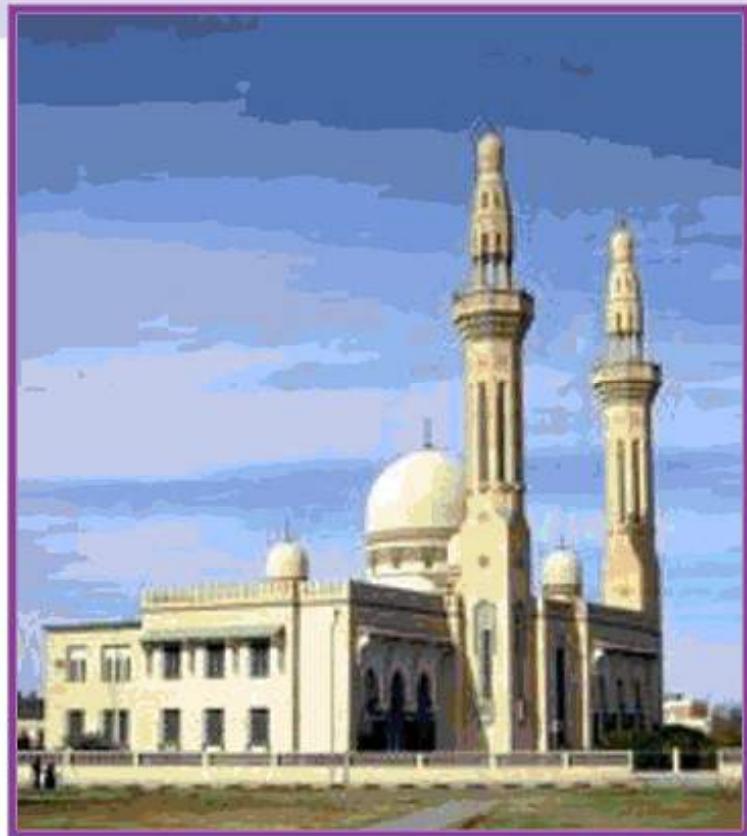


Places of Worship

A task setting PowerPoint about the Muslim mosque for Key Stage 2.

Places of Worship

- These buildings look different, but what do they have in common?
- Who might visit them?
- What might happen there?



Aim

- To learn about the mosque and its importance to individuals and the community.

Success Criteria

- I can describe similarities and differences between a variety of mosques which exist throughout the world.
- I can name and describe the significance of special objects found within mosques.
- I can explain why a mosque is an important place for many people by describing what happens there.
- I can talk about other places where Muslims can worship.
- I can list rules for how to behave in a mosque.

Mosques Around the World

- Al Haram Mosque – Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- This is the largest mosque in the world and is home to one of Islam's holiest places, the Kaaba. Muslims try and make the journey here at least once in their life time.
- Wherever they are in the world, Muslims always pray in the direction of this special place.



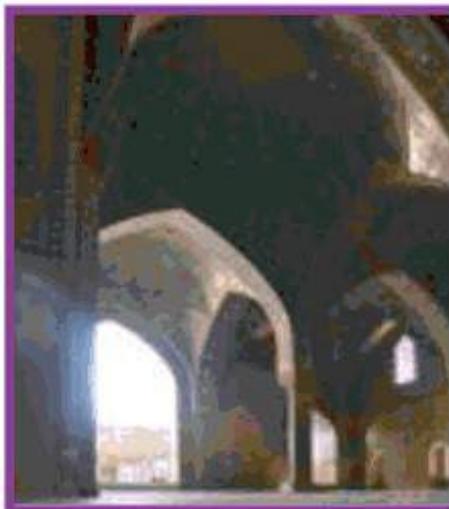
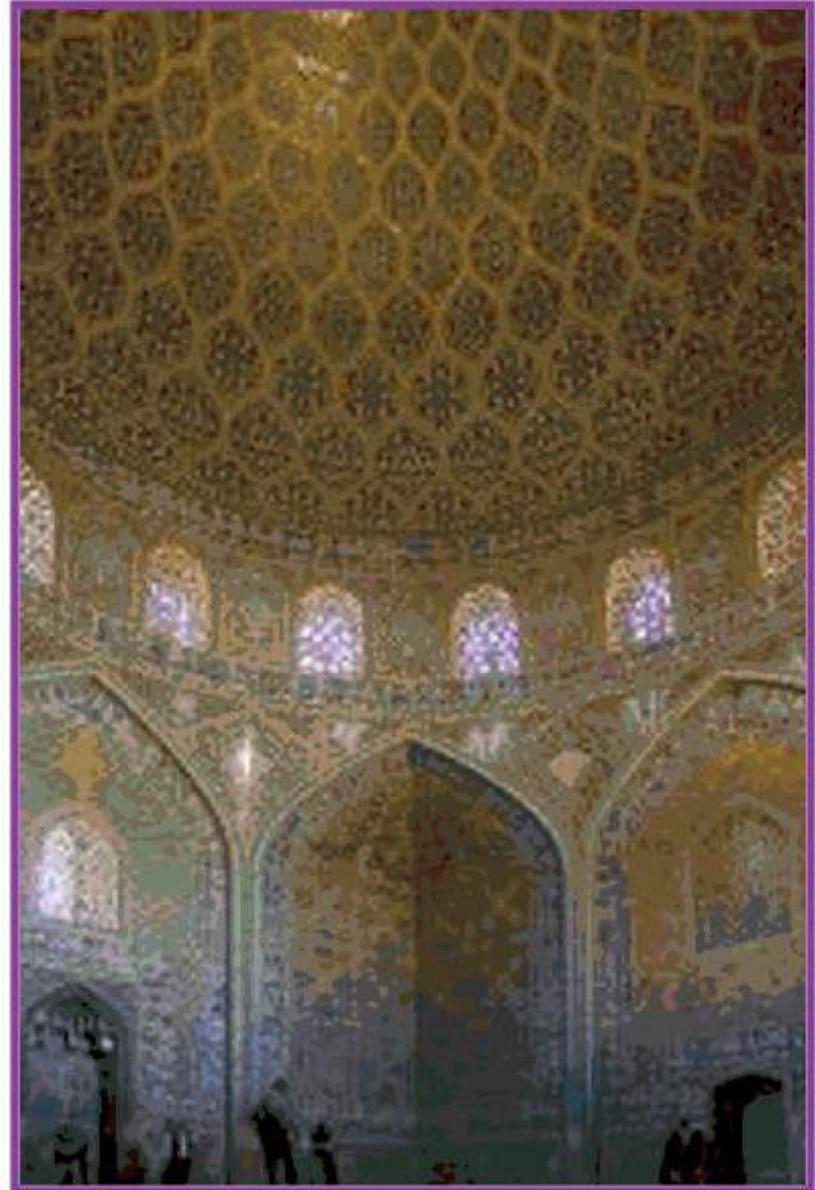
Al-Masjid an-Nabawi



- Al-Masjid an-Nabawi – Medina, Saudi Arabia
- This mosque was built by the Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him). It is another very holy place for this reason.
- The green dome is where the tomb of Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) can be found.

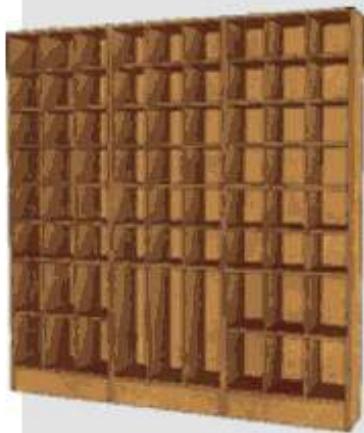


What Does a Mosque Look Like Inside?



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Important Features of a Mosque



- **Shoe rack**
- A place to leave your shoes before entering.



Prayer mats

Mosques either have carpet with individual prayer mats or Muslims take their own prayer mat to worship upon.



Washroom

Muslims must wash before entering the main hall.



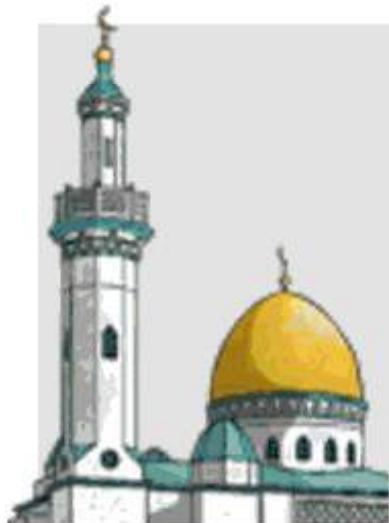
Qur'an

The Muslim holy book which is the word of God. It is treated with great respect and placed on a special wooden stand to be read.

Important Features of a Mosque



- **Tasbih Beads**
- Beads hanging around the mosque for worshippers to help think about Allah.



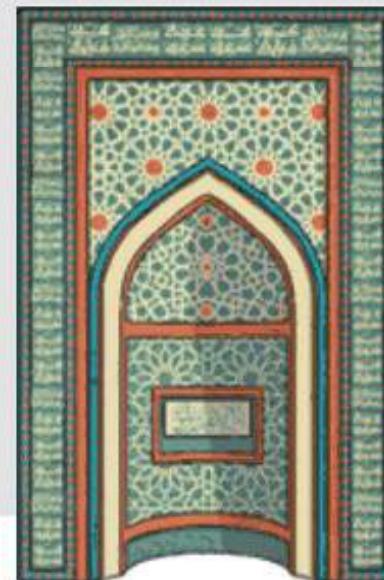
Minaret

Most mosques have at least one minaret which is a tall thin tower. A man stands at the top and calls Muslims to prayer.

Mihrab

An alcove in the wall shows the direction the worshippers need to face.

This is the direction of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, the most sacred Muslim place in the world.

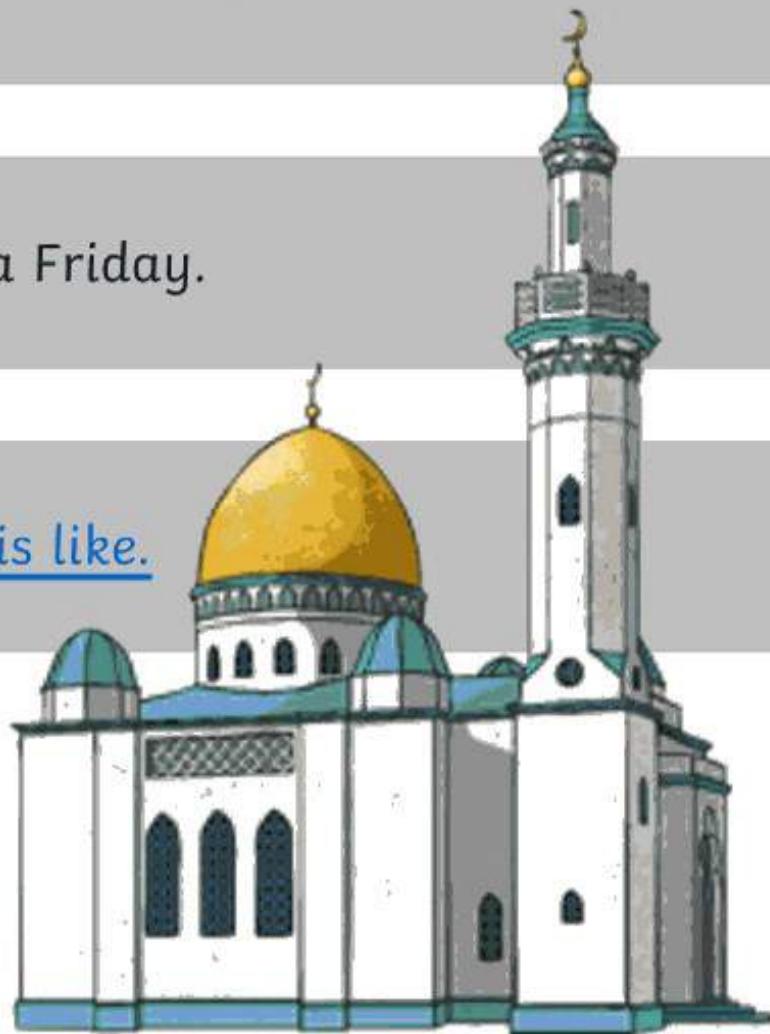


Why Do People Go to Mosque?

- Muslims go to mosque to pray and services are held every day.

The most important weekly service is held on a Friday.

[Watch the video to find out exactly what this is like.](#)

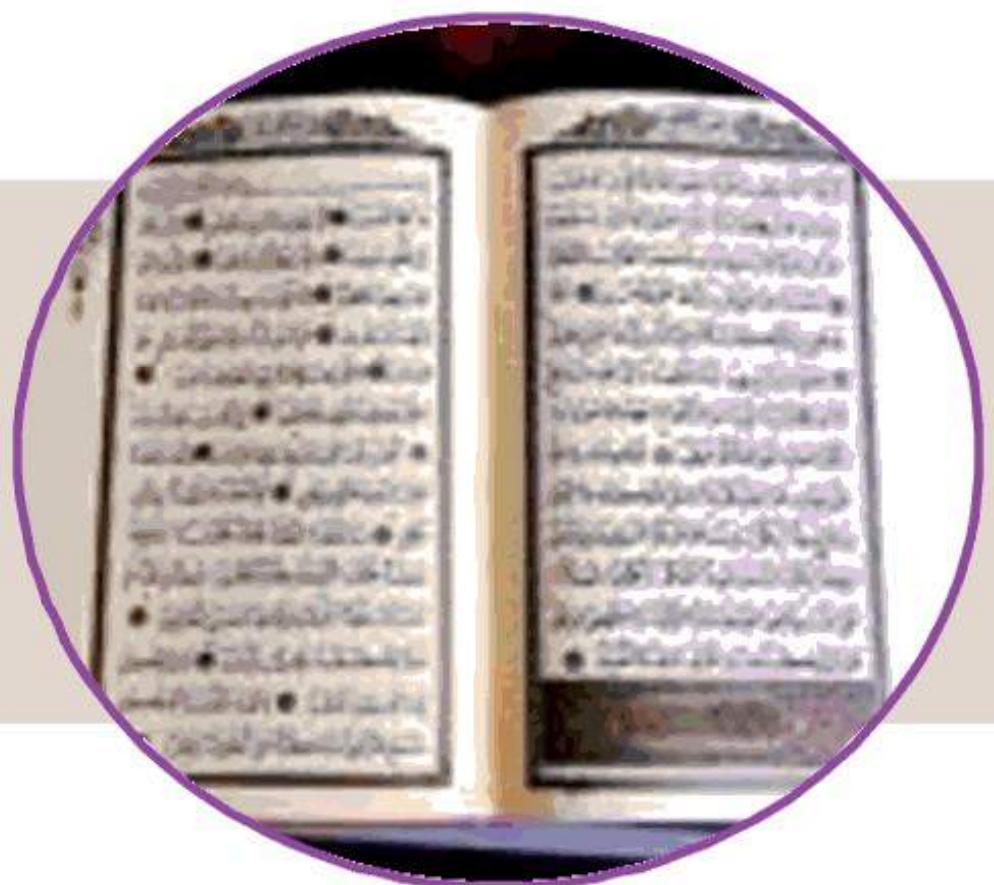


Why Do People Go to Mosque?

- Many Muslims believe that praying with other Muslims can make you feel part of a family.

Inside a mosque there is often a school where people can learn the Arabic language.

This is the language that the Muslim holy book is written in, the Qur'an.

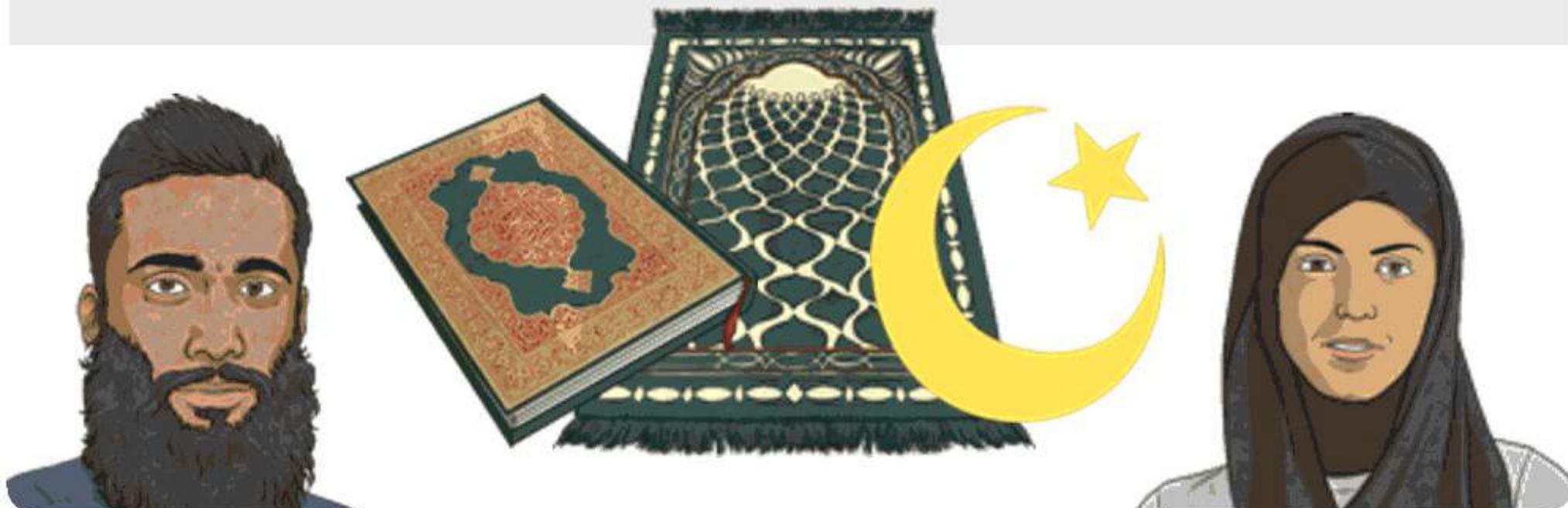


Worship at Home

- Muslims have to pray 5 times a day.

Watch the video to find out more about where this can be done outside mosque.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/muslim-prayer/5965.html>



Showing Respect

- Take off your shoes before entering.
- Wash feet, hands, nose, mouth, throat, ears, arms (up to the elbow) before entering.
- Women and men worship separately.



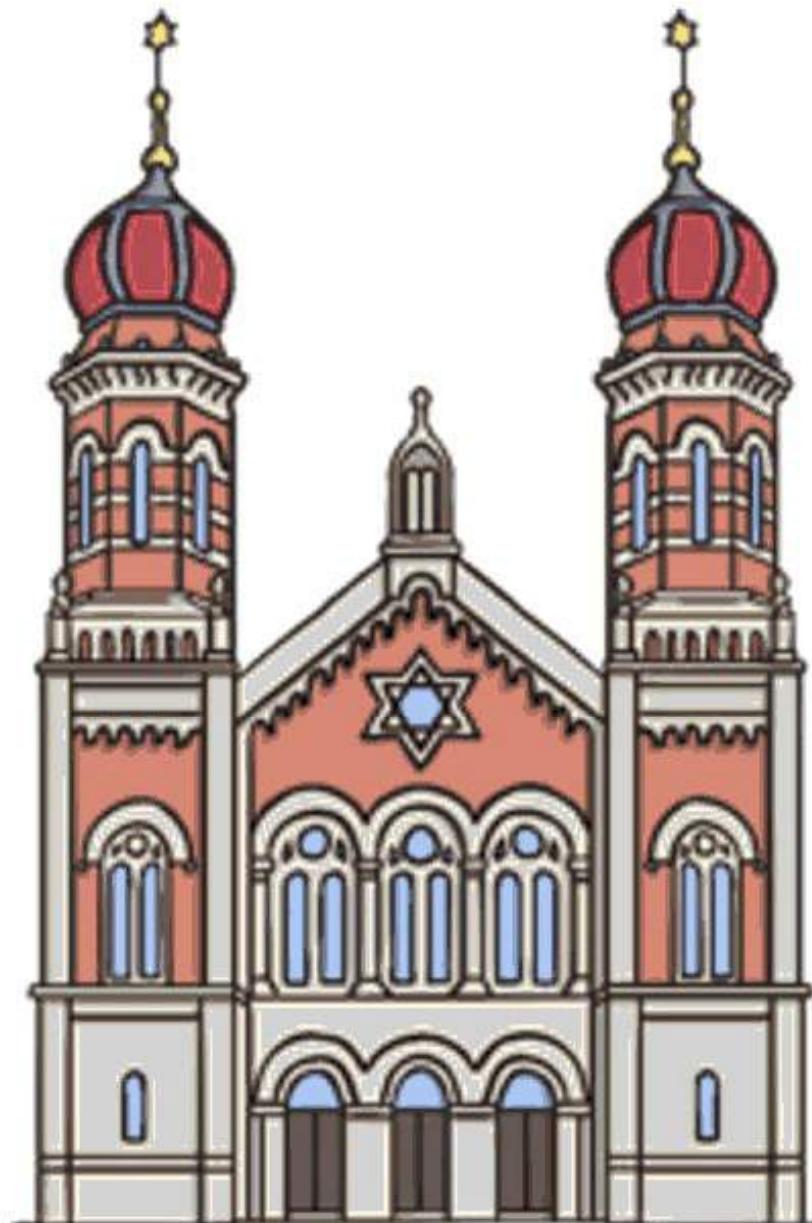
Plenary

- Why do you think Muslims believe it is important to attend mosque?



Do you have any other questions about this place of worship?

Places of Worship



Starter Activities



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What might happen there?



Learning Objective

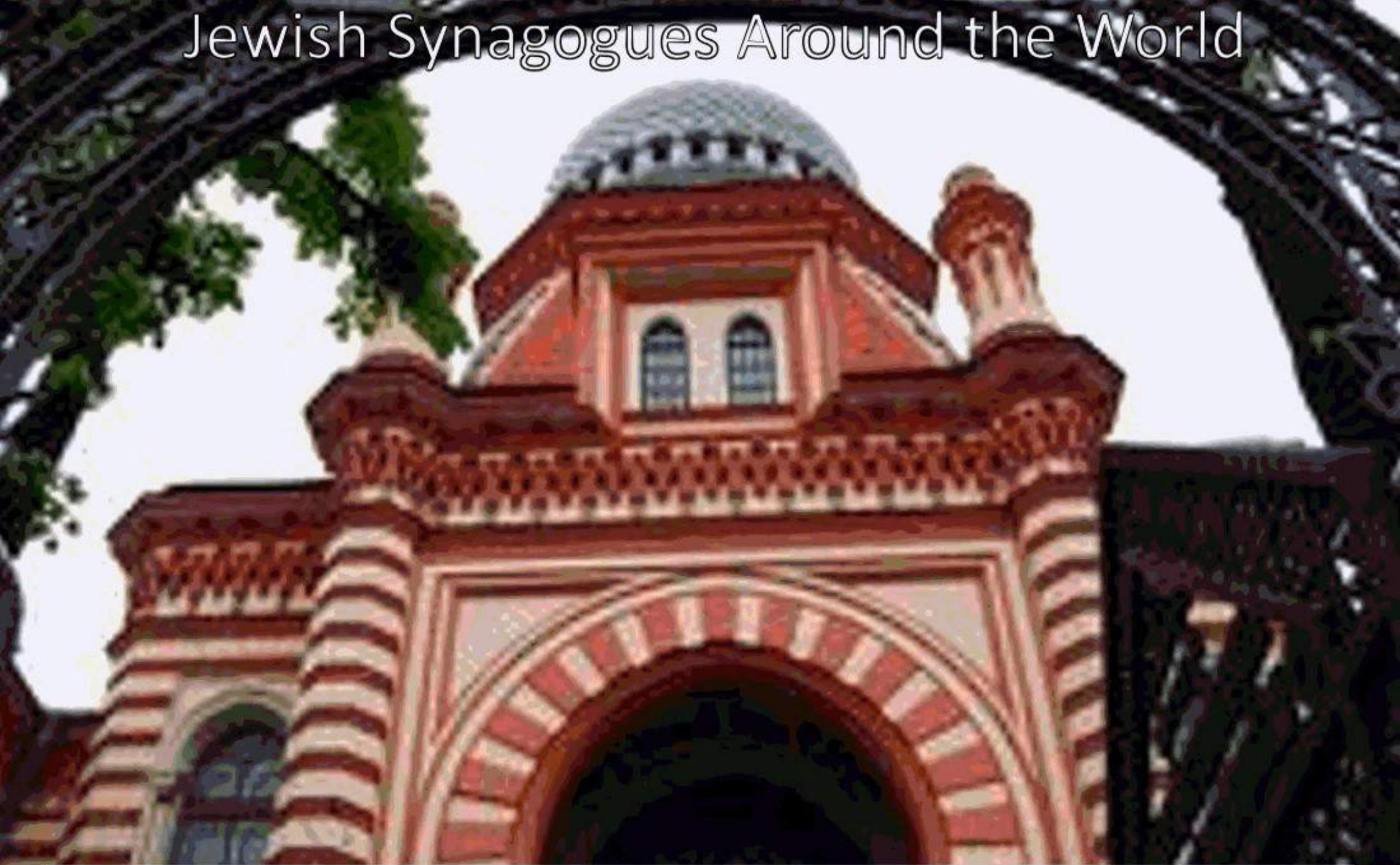
- To learn about the Jewish synagogue and its importance to individuals and the community.



Success Criteria

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- I can describe similarities and differences between a variety of Jewish synagogues which exist throughout the world.
- I can name and describe the significance of special objects found within Jewish synagogues.
- I can explain why the synagogue is an important place for many people by describing what happens there.
- I can list different rules related to being inside the synagogue.

Jewish Synagogues Around the World



Grand Choral Synagogue, St Petersburg, Russia



Dohany Street Synagogue, Budapest

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Jubilee Synagogue, Prague

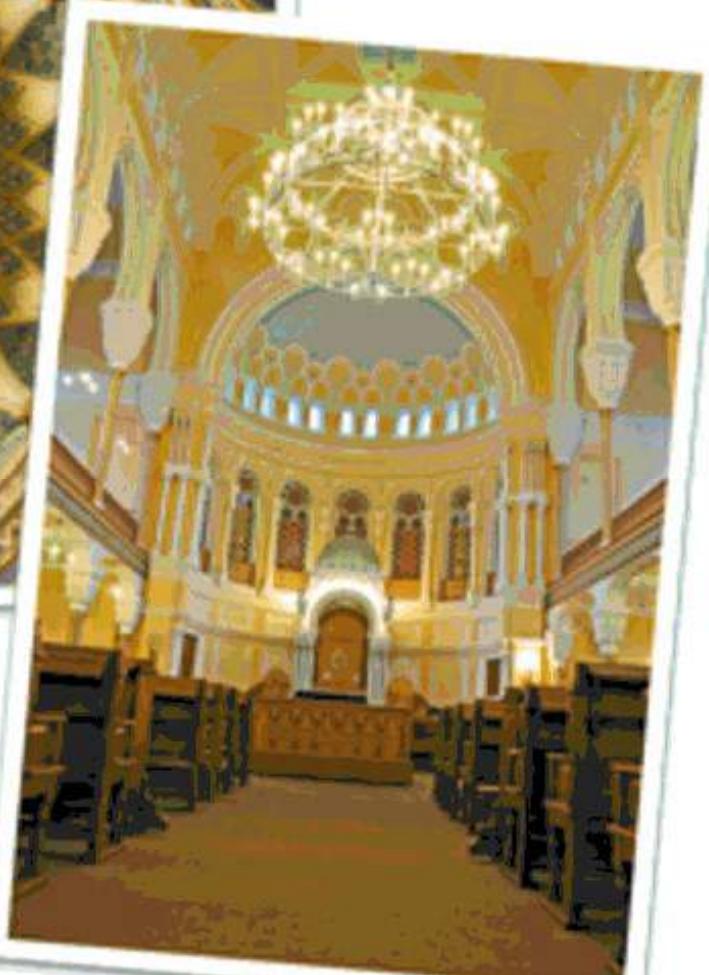
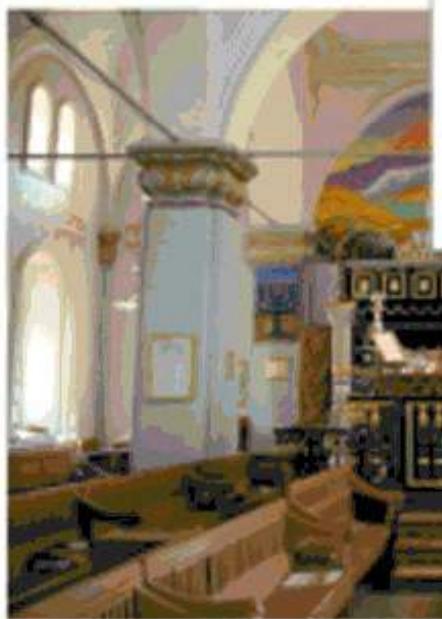
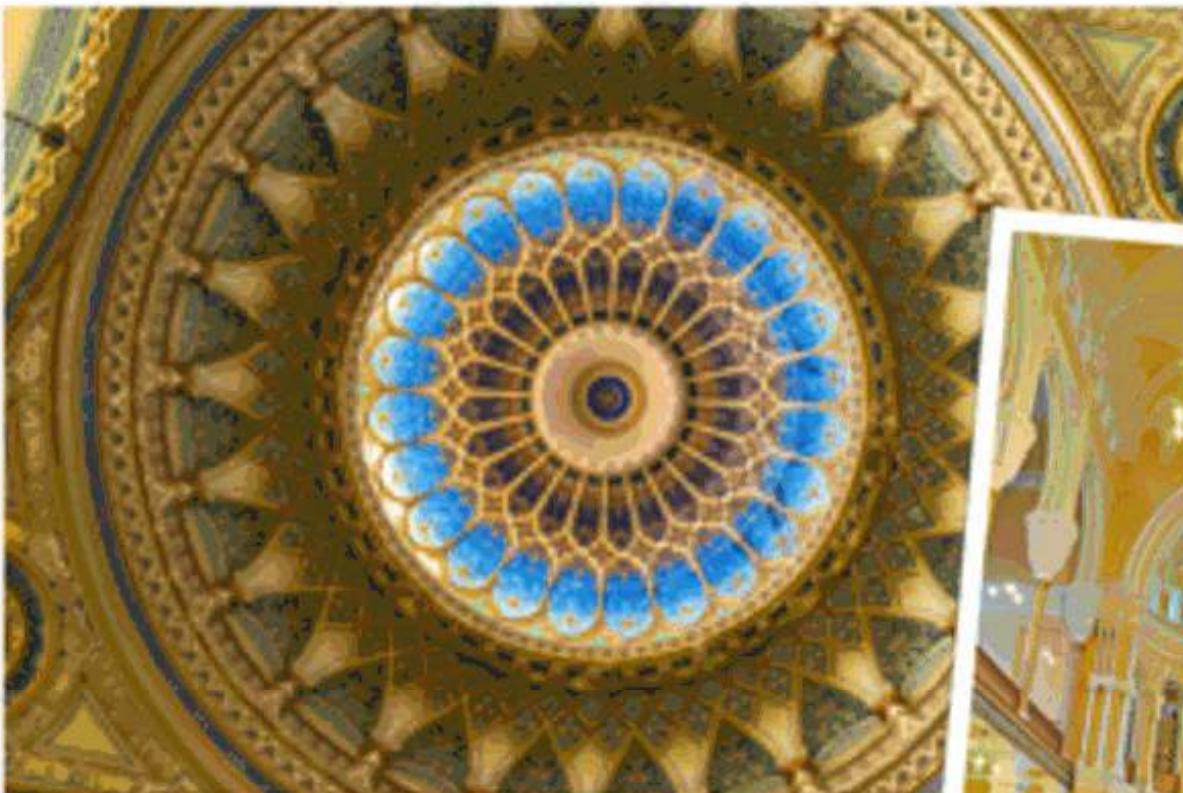
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New West End Synagogue, London

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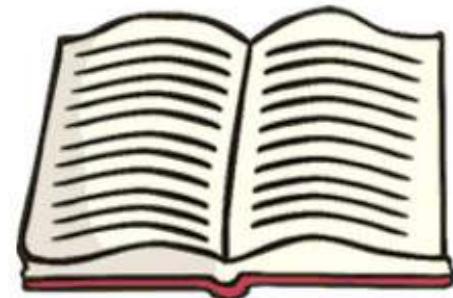
What is it like inside a Jewish Synagogue?





Ark

The Ark is a cupboard in which the Torah scrolls are kept.



Siddur

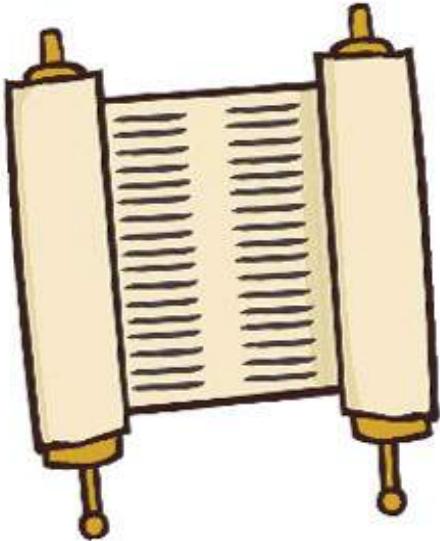
This is the main prayer book.

Important
Features of a
Jewish
Synagogue

Bimah

A raised platform where most of the service takes place. The Torah readings happen here.





Torah Scrolls

The scrolls contain the words of the Hebrew Bible.



Memorial Boards

These are boards full of name plates. Each name plate remembers someone who has died.

Important Features of a Jewish Synagogue



The Eternal Light

This hangs above the Ark and is always burning to remind everyone that God is always with them.

Jewish Worship



Watch the video to find out more about Jewish worship on Shabbat. Shabbat is the Jewish day of rest and is the most important time of the week. Shabbat begins at sunset on Friday and ends at night time on Saturday.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/celebrating-shabbat-at-the-synagogue/3877.html>

Why do people go to a Jewish Synagogue?



People go to the synagogue to worship but also to study. Many synagogues are also community centres where local Jewish people can meet and take part in different activities and events.

A synagogue is a house of prayer where Jewish people can get together to feel closer to God, and each other.

The services are led by a rabbi or a worshipper.

Showing Respect



During the service everyone, except women who aren't married, must wear a hat to show respect to God; this is called a kippah.



Adult men wear a prayer shawl for morning prayer which has fringes along the edge to remind the worshipper to follow God's way.

Showing Respect

- Men and women sit separately in the synagogue.
- Once the Ark is open, nobody must enter or leave the room as a sign of respect.

Plenary

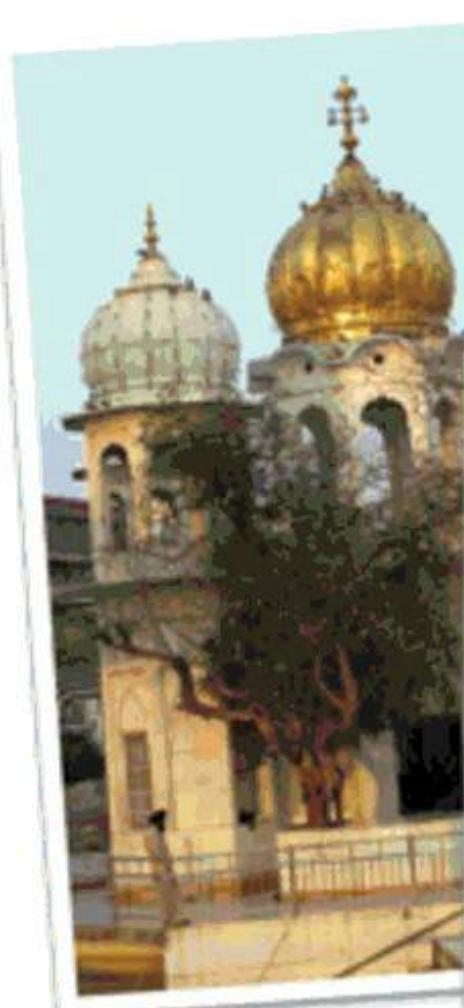
What difference do you think it makes for Jewish people to be part of a faith family?

Do you still have any questions about synagogues?

Places of Worship



Starter Activity



All of these buildings look different, but what do they all have in common?

Who might visit them?

What might happen there?

Learning Objective

- To learn about the Sikh gurdwara and its importance to individuals and the community.

Success Criteria

- I can describe similarities and differences between a variety of Sikh gurdwaras which exist throughout the world.
- I can name and describe the significance of special objects found within Sikh gurdwaras.
- I can explain why the gurdwara is an important place for many people by describing what takes place there.
- I can list rules for how to behave in a Sikh gurdwara.

Sikh Gurdwaras Around the World



Sri Harmandir Sahib, located in India, is also known as The Golden Temple. This is the most famous and important place of worship in the Sikh religion with its doors open from all the sides to people of all faiths.



Hemkund Sahib, Hemkund, also in India, is a gurdwara 15,000 feet above sea level in the Himalayan range. People come here from all over the world.



Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha is thought to be the biggest in London.

What do you think it is like inside a Sikh gurdwara?



Guru Granth Sahib

This is the Sikh holy book. It is treated like a person and even has its own room during the night. The book is placed on a raised platform under a canopy and covered with an expensive cloth during the day



Important Features of a Sikh gurdwara

Chaur

A fan which is waved over the Guru Granth Sahib as a sign of respect.



Langar

This is a free kitchen where food is served to worshippers without charge.



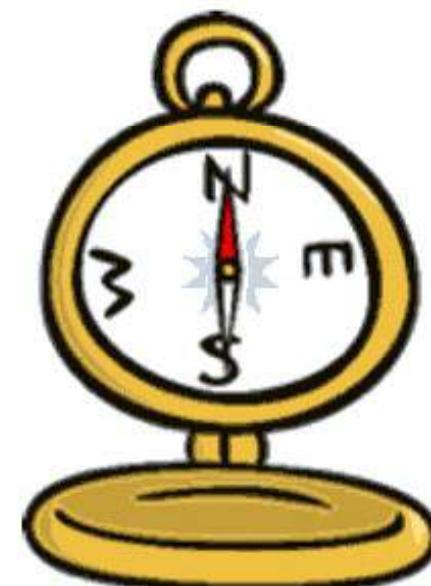
Flags

Gurdwaras fly flags outside to show that it is a special place of worship. The flag contains the Sikh symbol.



Important
Features of
a
Sikh
gurdwara

The Four Doors
There are four doors into the gurdwara to show that people from the north, east, south and west are welcome.



Look out for these other features!

The most important focus in the main hall is the Guru Granth Sahib, which is treated with the respect that would be given to a human Guru. It is kept in a room of its own during the night and then carried to the main hall at the beginning of the day's worship.

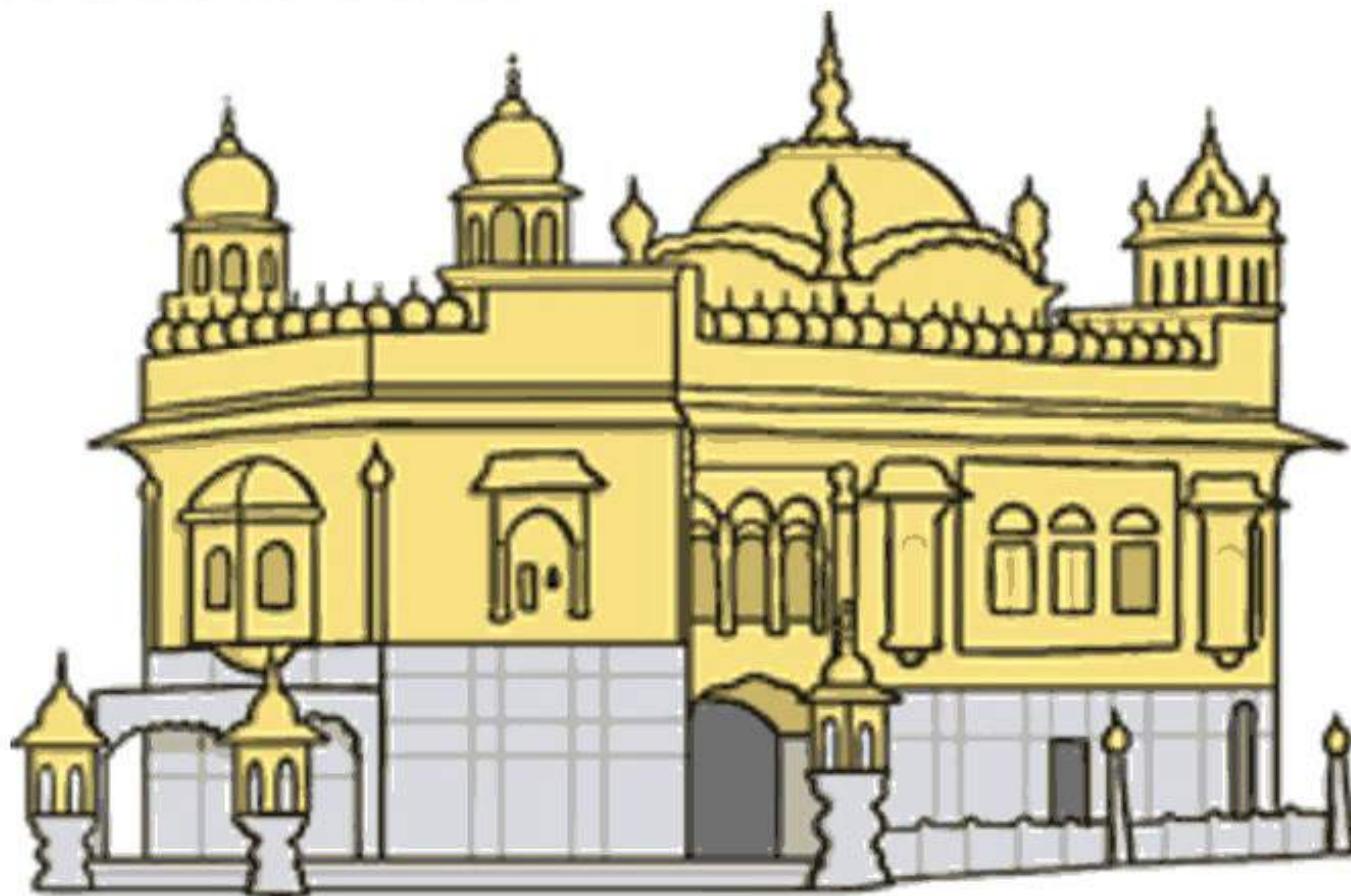
The book is placed on a raised platform, under a special canopy, and covered with an expensive cloth when not being used.



Look out for these other features!

There are four doors into a gurdwara, known as the Door of Peace, the Door of Grace, the Door of Livelihood and the Door of Learning.

These doors are a symbol to everyone that people from all four points of the compass are welcome to enter.



Why do people go to a Sikh gurdwara?

Many Sikhs visit a gurdwara for worship. The gurdwara is also a place to learn more about Sikhism. The gurdwara is a community centre too, offering food, shelter and company for those who need it.

The morning service begins with singing a hymn, there is also a religious talk (called a sermon), prayers are said then there are readings from the Guru Granth Sahib (the holy book). Last of all, food is offered to everyone so people can eat and spend time together.



Why do people go to a Sikh gurdwara?

People also visit the gurdwara during special festivals to celebrate Gurus such as Guru Nanak because he started the Sikh faith.

Sikhs don't have priests so any Sikh can lead the prayers and read from the Guru Granth Sahib.



Why do people go to a Sikh gurdwara?

Sikhs come to the gurdwara to name a new baby.

Watch the video to find out what happens.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/the-gurdwara-pt-1-2/4836.html>



Engagement ceremonies can take place at the gurdwara and thanks is given for bringing the man and the woman together.

The wedding ceremony takes place in front of the Guru Granth Sahib and at the end of the service, everyone eats in the langar.

Showing Respect

Anyone is welcome in a gurdwara but there are certain rules to follow.



- Cover your head
- Take off your shoes and wash hands and feet before entering
- When you enter the main prayer hall, bow in front of the holy book, touching the floor with your forehead

Showing Respect

- Offer a donation such as money, flowers or food
- Sit quietly on the floor with your legs crossed, facing the Guru Granth Sahib
- Never point your feet at the Guru Granth Sahib as this is disrespectful
- Men and women sit in different places

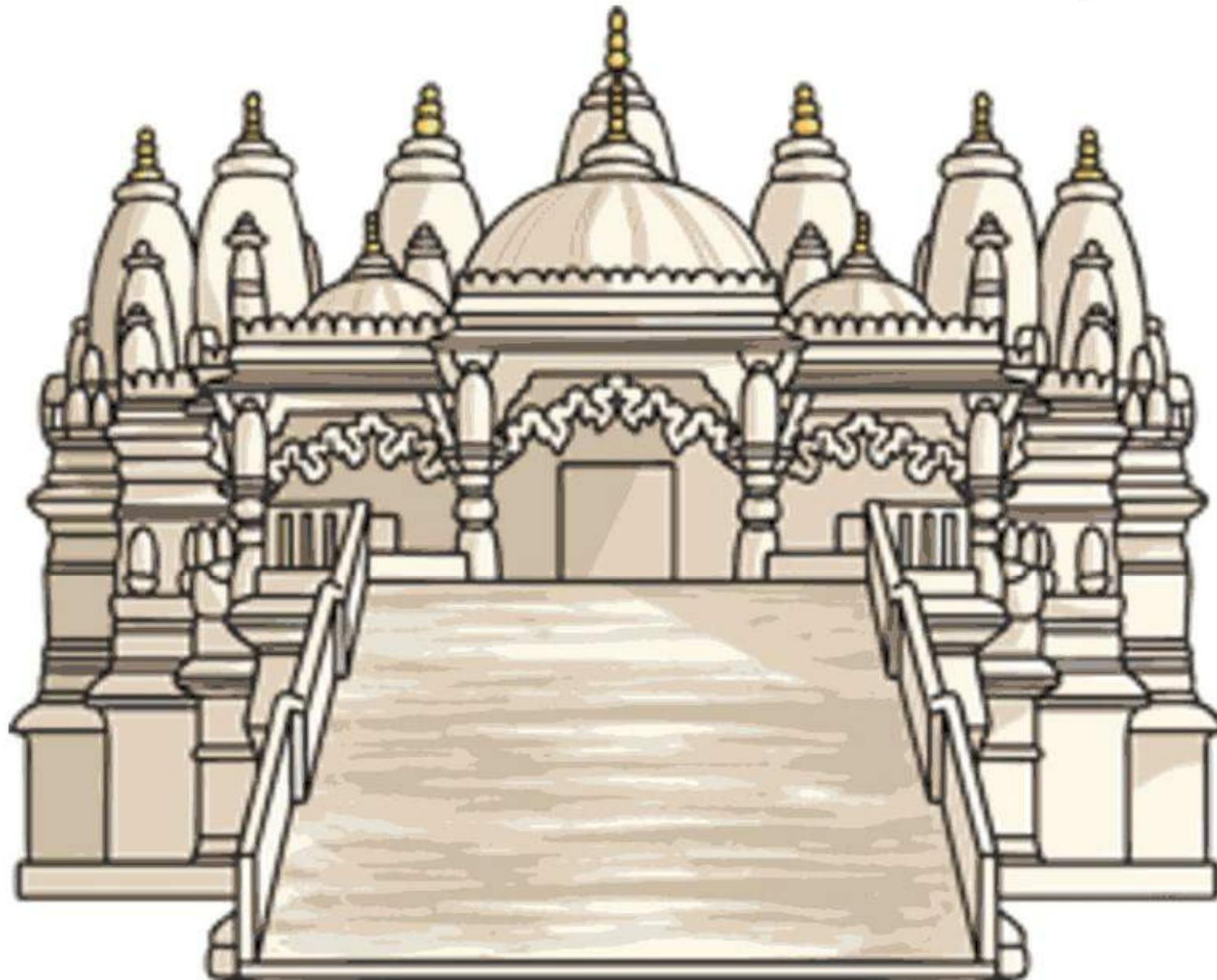


Plenary

Why do you think it is important to many Sikhs to worship and eat together in the gurdwara?

Do you have any other questions about this place of worship?

Places of Worship



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- To learn about the Hindu mandir and its importance to individuals and the community.



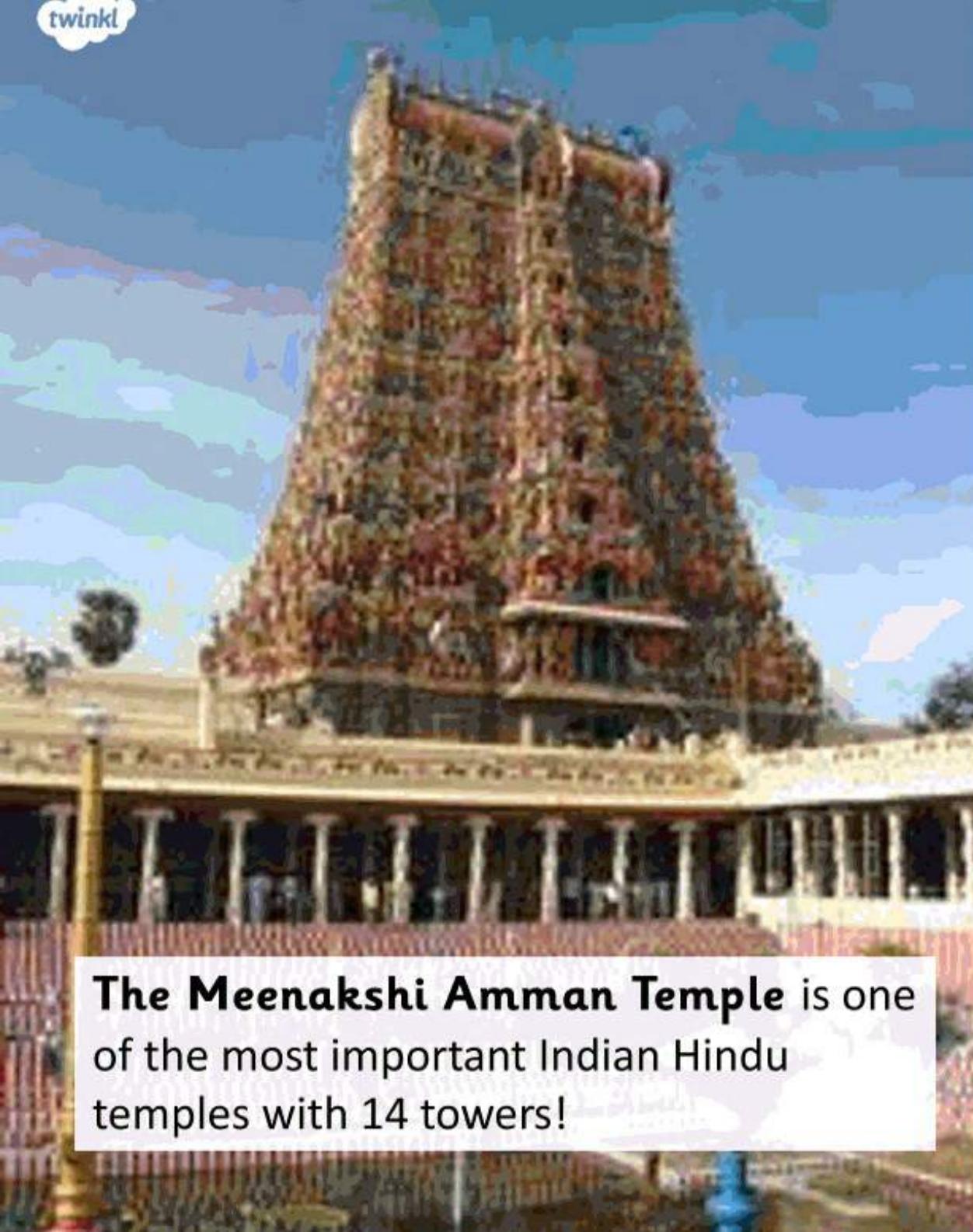
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- I can describe similarities and differences between a variety of Hindu mandirs which exist throughout the world.
- I can name and describe the significance of special objects found within Hindu mandirs.
- I can explain why a mandir is an important place for many people by describing what happens during worship.
- I can list rules for how to behave in a Hindu mandir.
- I can explain how and why Hindus worship in the home.

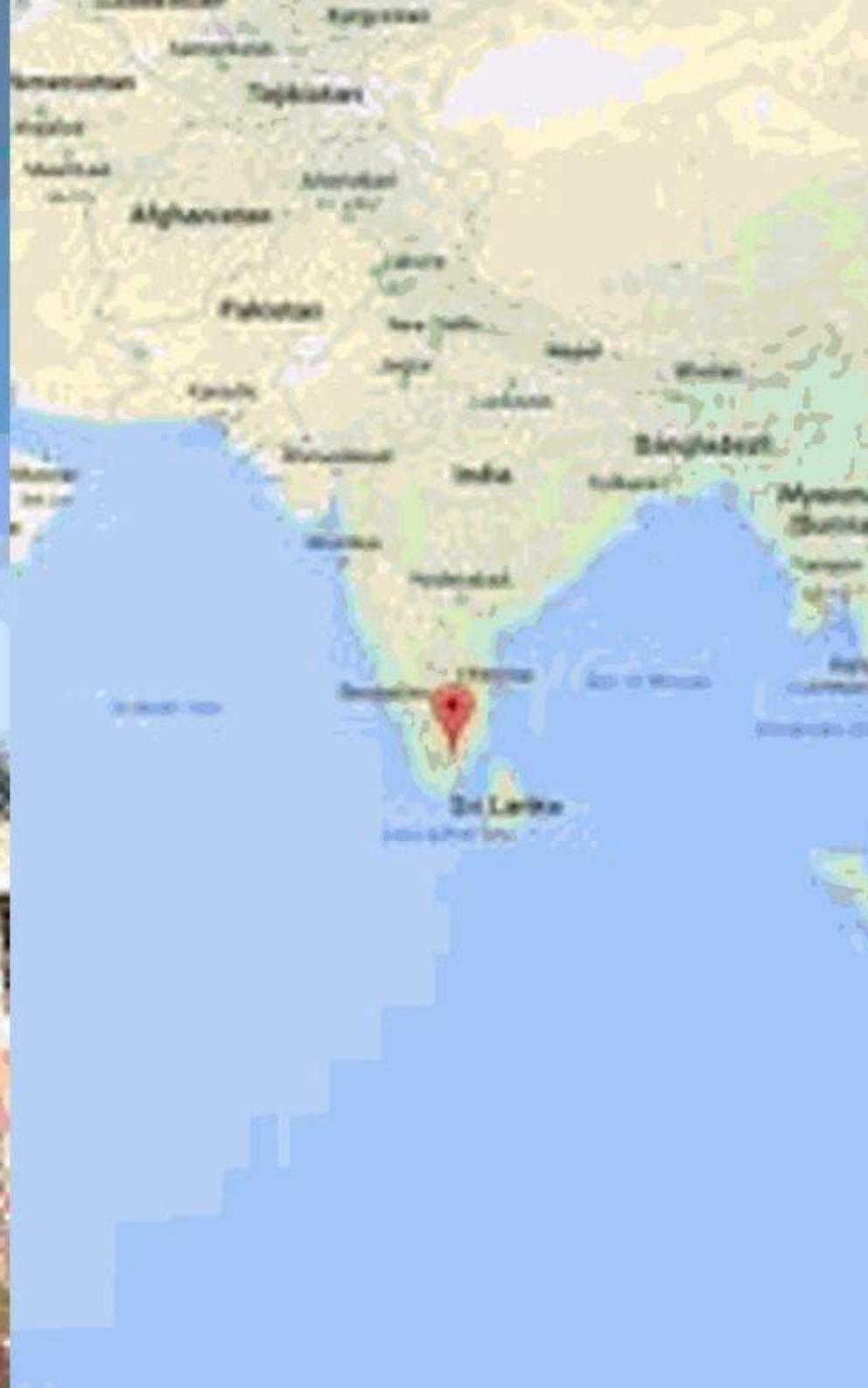
Hindu Mandirs Around the World



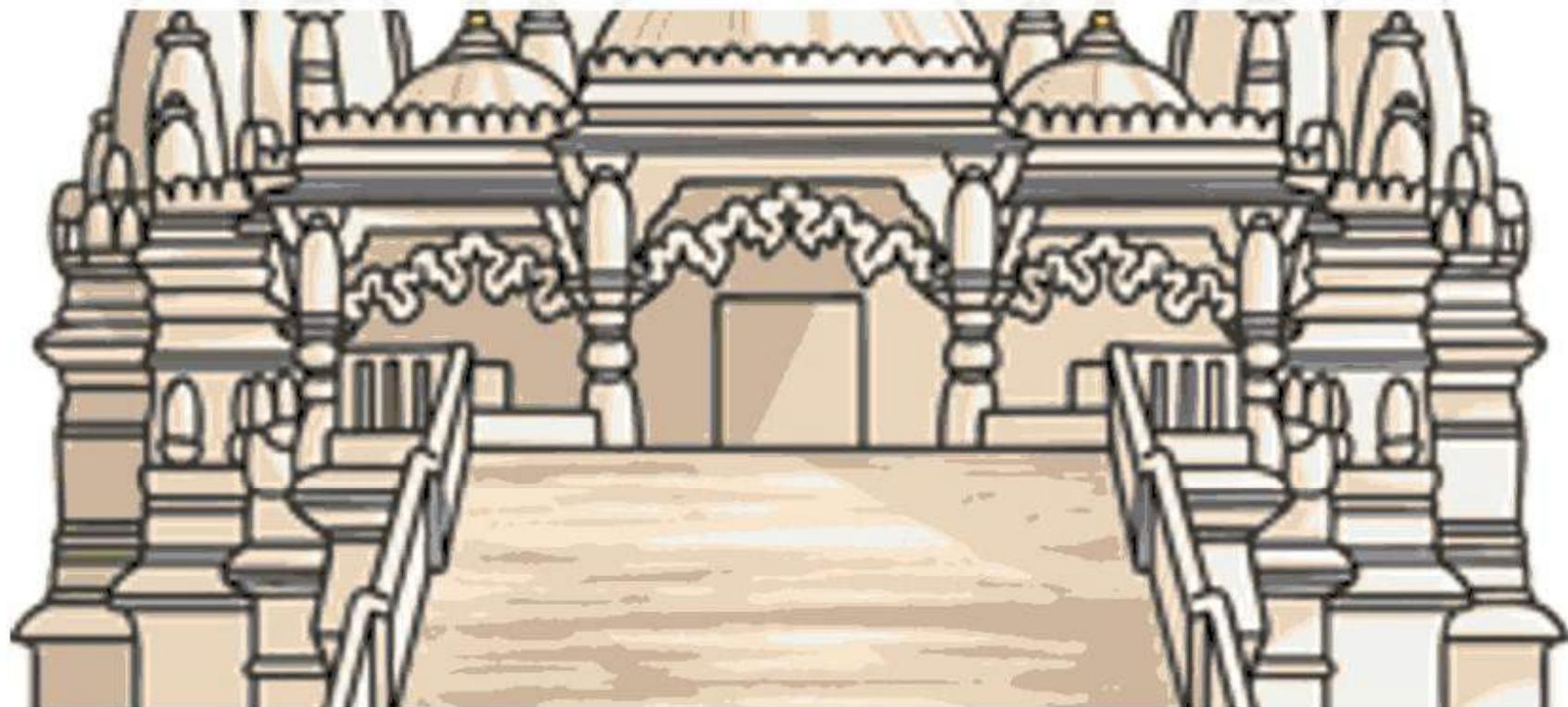
Prambanan is the largest temple in Indonesia.



The Meenakshi Amman Temple is one of the most important Indian Hindu temples with 14 towers!

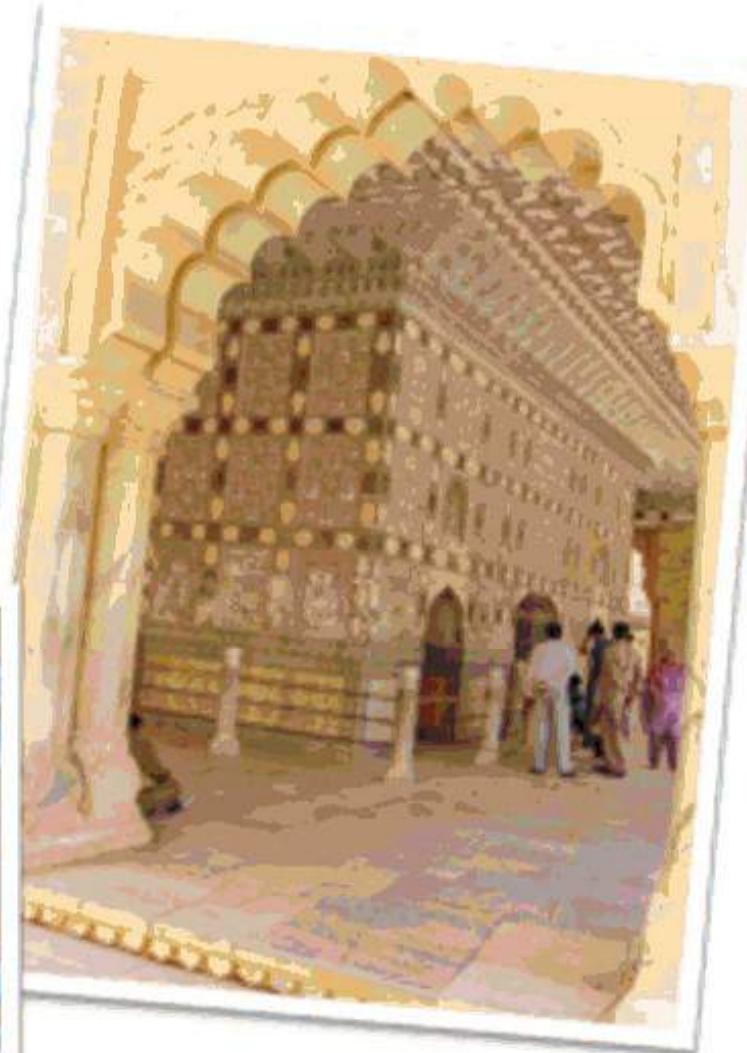


The Sree Ganapathy Temple, in London, is a busy and exciting place. As well as being used for worship, birth, wedding and death ceremonies, it is also a place where visitors can go and discuss and strengthen their faith, take part in meditation classes and yoga.



At a Hindu temple, different parts of the building have a special meaning, for example, the central shrine inside the mandir represents the heart of the Hindu worshipper, and if the temple has a tower this symbolises a connection with heaven.

Do they all look the same on the inside?



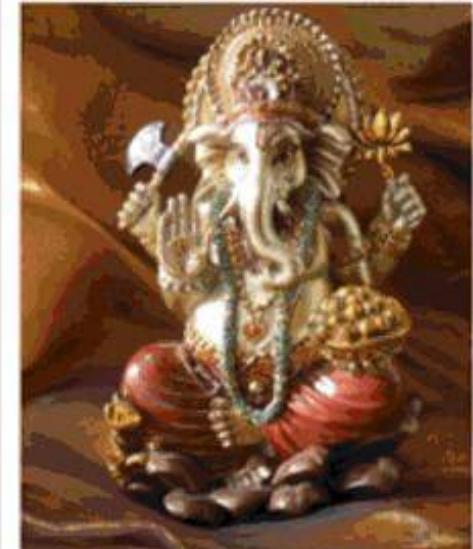


Shoe Rack

A place to store shoes before entering the mandir.

Murti

A murti is a statue of God, or a god or goddess.



Important Features of a Hindu Mandir

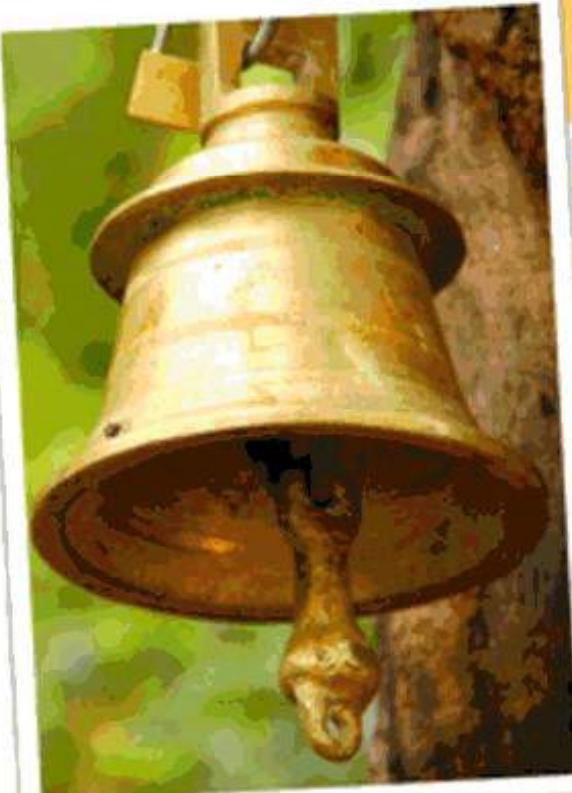


Main Shrine

This is the heart of the temple to represent the heart of the worshipper. It is usually at the front of the temple.

Aum

This is the Hindu symbol. You may see this if you are ever visiting a Hindu temple.



Vedas

These are the ancient Hindu texts. They are kept safe in a special case.

Important Features of a Hindu Mandir

Bell

Worshippers ring the bell before entering to let God know they have arrived.

Why do people go to a Hindu Mandir?



Worship, or 'puja', takes place here. Hindus can come at any time to be peaceful, pray and sing religious songs.

Each mandir is dedicated to a god and inside will be a shrine to that god. Offerings or 'prasad' such as flowers, fruit, water, milk, nuts or sweets are made. Incense is burned to make the temple feel special and during worship, Hindus chant the names of their favourite gods and goddesses.



Worshipping at the mandir is a special time to be together with other Hindus.

Mandirs are seen as a place where heaven meets the earth so many mandirs are tall buildings, like mountains reaching up into the sky.

Activity

Watch the video about going to the mandir to worship.
Make a list of things that happen.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/worship-in-a-hindu-shrine/3619.html>

Hindu Worship at Home



Hindus can worship at home and at the mandir. Making offerings to the gods is something that can be done at home too.

In a Hindu home there may be a shrine where offerings can be made and prayers are spoken. The shrine could be as big as a room, a small corner or a statue.

Showing Respect

- Before entering the mandir you must have a wash, make sure you are wearing clean clothes and remove your shoes.
- You must make offerings to the gods.
- Bow to show respect to the gods.

Plenary

Why do you think it is important to many Hindus
to be part of this faith family?

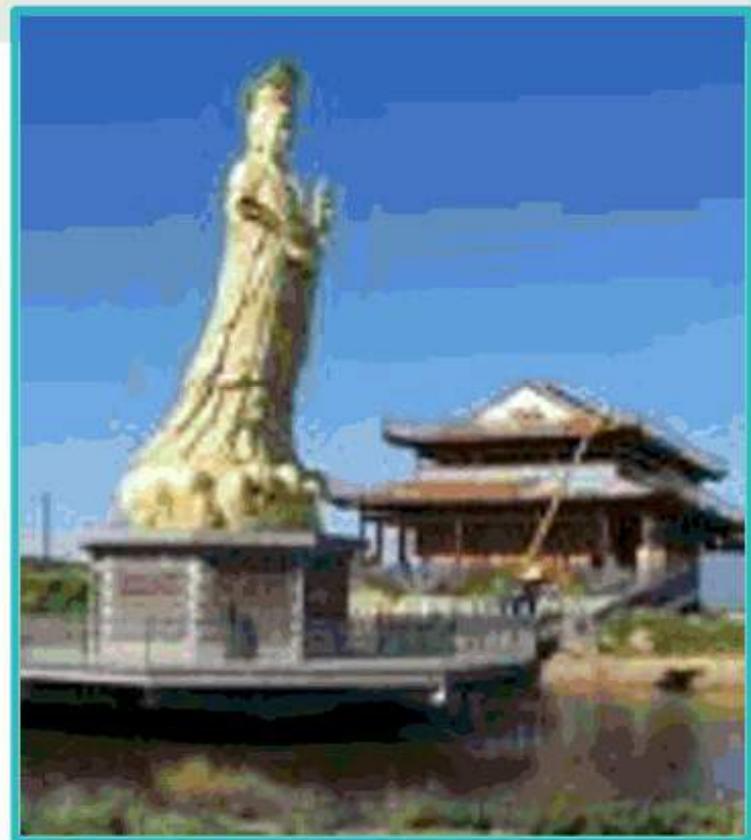
Do you have any other questions about Hindu mandirs?

Places of Worship

A task setting PowerPoint about the Buddhist temple for Key Stage 2.

Places of Worship

- These buildings look different, but what do they all have in common?
- Who might visit them?
- What might happen there?



Aim

- To learn about the Buddhist temple and its importance to individuals and the community.

Success Criteria

- I can describe similarities and differences between a variety of Buddhist temples which exist throughout the world.
- I can name and describe the significance of special objects found within Buddhist temples.
- I can explain why the temple is an important place for many people by describing acts of worship and other special events which take place there.
- I can list rules for how to behave in a Buddhist temple.
- I can explain how and why Buddhists worship in the home.

Buddhist Temples Around the World

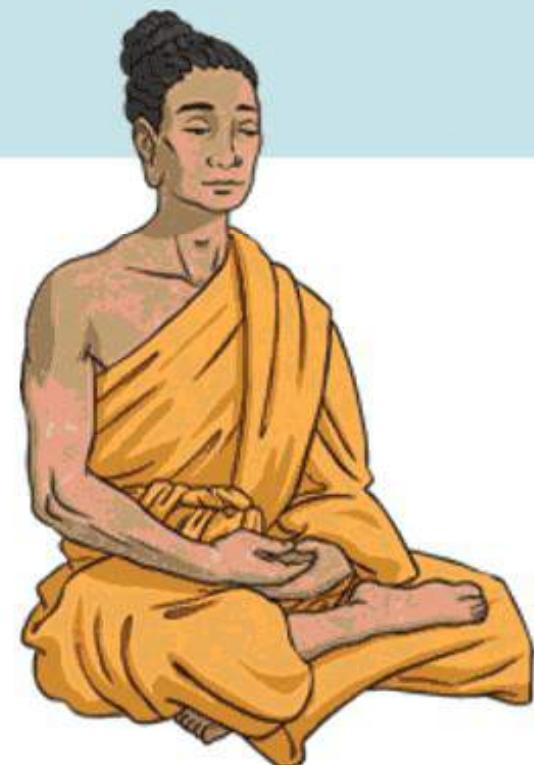
- Buddhist temples vary throughout the world. The Shwedagon Pagoda (or Golden Pagoda) is the holiest shrine in Burma.
- The high main stupa is completely covered in gold. A stupa is a stone structure built over what are thought to be relics of the Buddha.



The Mahabodhi Temple



- The Mahabodhi Temple is a Buddhist stupa in India.



Tōdai-ji

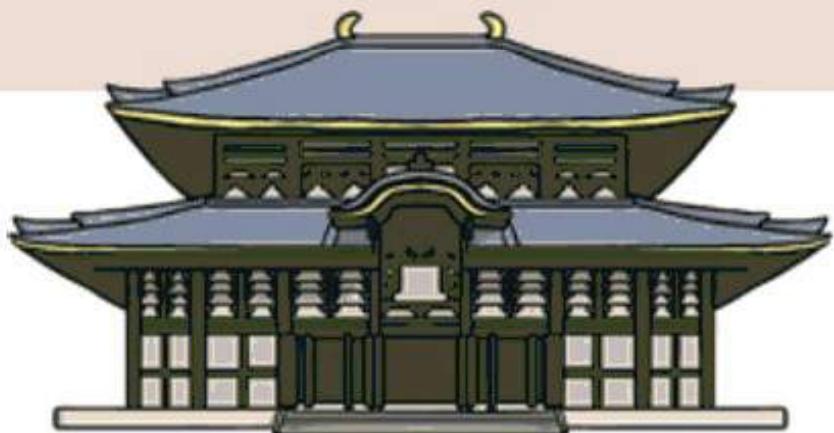
- Tōdai-ji is one of the most famous Buddhist temples in Japan.
- It is home to one of the biggest Buddha statues in Japan and is the world's largest wooden building.



Borobudur



- Borobudur is the largest and most well known Buddhist temple in the world.
- Located in Indonesia, it was abandoned for centuries and lay hidden. The reason why still remains a mystery.



Manjushri Kadampa Buddhist Temple

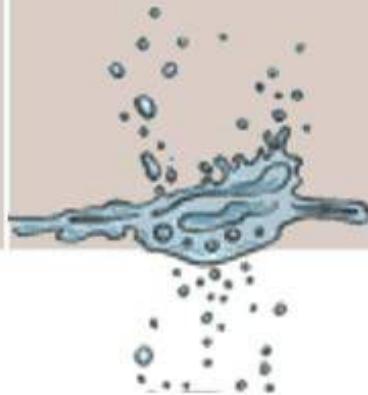


- This is an international centre for Buddhism and temple for world peace located in Cumbria, UK.
- It is home to the largest bronze statue of Buddha in the western world.

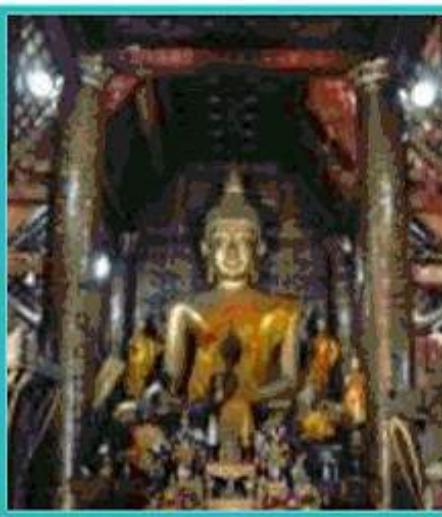
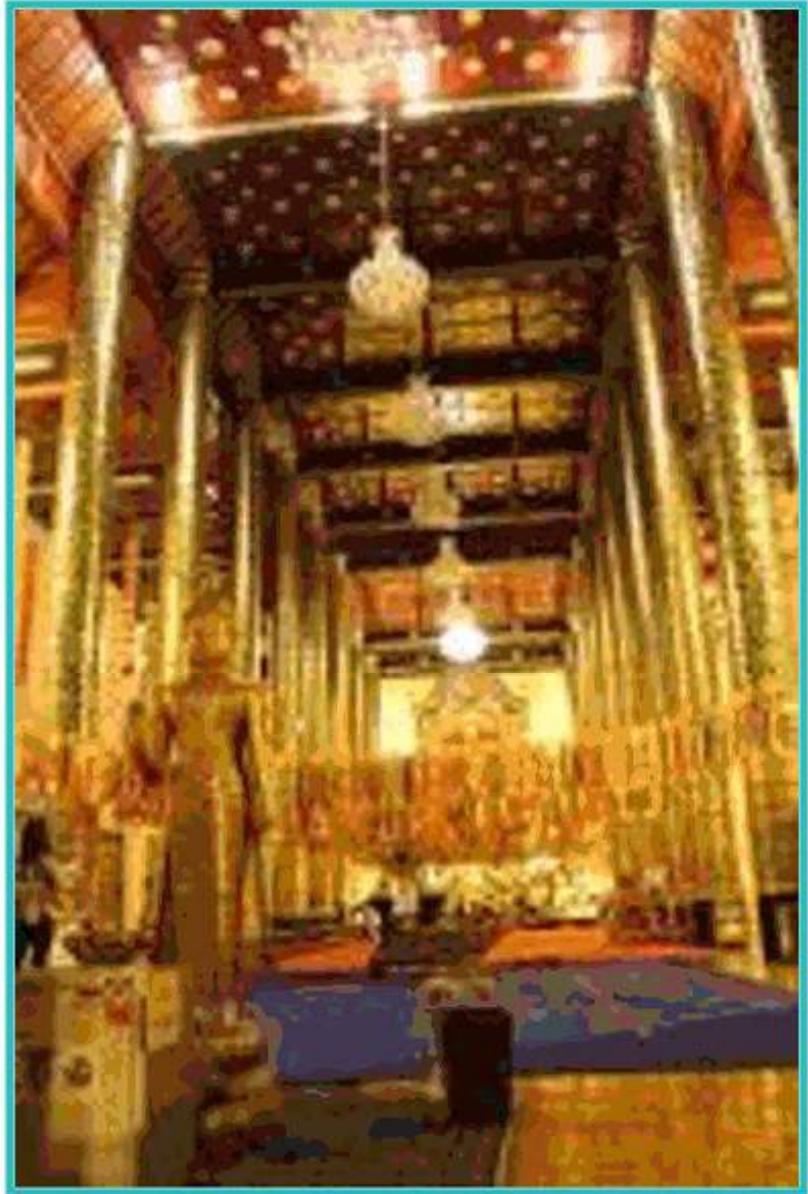


Buddhist Temples

- All Buddhist temples contain an image or a statue of Buddha.
- Buddhist temples are designed to symbolise the five elements.

Earth	Wisdom	Fire	Air	Water
<p>The Earth is represented by the square base of the temple.</p> 	<p>Wisdom is symbolised by the pinnacle at the very top.</p>	<p>The spire represents fire.</p> 	<p>The crescent of a temple represents air.</p>	

Do All Temples Look the Same Inside?



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Important Features of a Buddhist Temple



- **Buddha**
- All Buddhist temples contain an image or statue of Buddha.



Lectern

From here, the head monk may give a talk to the worshippers.



Courtyard or Meditation Area

A temple may have a silent area for meditation.



Wheel of Life

This is the Buddhist symbol. You might see this if you are ever visiting a Buddhist temple.

Why do People go to a Buddhist Temple?



- People go to the temple to worship the image of Buddha.
- Worshippers usually sit on the floor barefoot.

Worshippers give offerings to Buddha such as flowers or candles.

Worship is led by monks and is mostly meditation and chanting.



Why Do People Go to a Buddhist Temple?

- Incense (a nice smelling fragrance) is used during worship to remind everyone that Buddha is all around them.



Many Buddhists believe that worshipping together with other Buddhists helps them to understand their religion better and to feel part of a faith family. Being in the temple also helps Buddhists to get better at meditation which is a way of being calm and still.

Why Do People Go to a Buddhist Temple?



- Buddhists also attend temple for special occasions such as weddings and religious festival days.

Weddings

Buddhist weddings can take place in the temple or in the bride's home. Prayers are recited then the bride says goodbye to her family and prays to her ancestors.



Why Do People Go to a Buddhist Temple?

- Buddhists believe their lives are a cycle of death and re-birth until they reach Nirvana. Nirvana is thought to be the end of the cycle and is achieved only when all want is gone and true happiness is found.



Nirvana Day

This is a special annual festival which remembers the death of the Buddha, when he reached Nirvana. Buddhists spend Nirvana Day meditating and visiting their temple.



Wesak

This is the most important day in the Buddhist calendar as it celebrates Buddha's birthday. Buddhists visit their local temple for services and teaching, taking offerings of flowers, candles and food.

Buddhist Worship at Home

- Buddhists can worship both at the temple and at home.

In a Buddhist home, there will be one room or area used as a shrine with a statue of Buddha, incense and candles.

Having a shrine in the home is an opportunity for a Buddhist to worship daily.



Showing Respect

- No talking in the shrine room.
- Wear appropriate clothing and no shoes to be worn inside.
- Special books should be kept off the floor.
- Sit with your legs crossed on the floor, do not straighten out your legs (this is a sign of disrespect, so is lying down).
- Bow to the statue of Buddha.
- Make offerings.

Plenary

- Why do you think visiting the temple is important to many Buddhists?



Do you have any further questions about Buddhist temples?