

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

Year 2

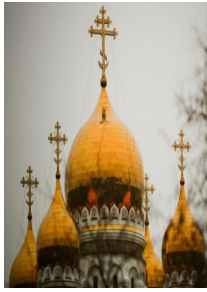
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How can art help Christians worship?

Substantive Knowledge -

The Church is the Christian Place of Worship

The word, 'church,' has different meanings. It can mean a religious building which Christians go to worship and congregate. It can also mean a set of beliefs or group of people. Christian churches around the world can look very different - some are indoors and others outdoors.



Traditional
churches



The Cross is a Christian symbol

The cross is a Christian symbol as it reminds people that Jesus died on a cross. Christians believe that this is symbolic of his sacrifice for humans on Earth. They also believe that Jesus was God on Earth. We learn about this in the Easter story. (Easter is the most important Christian festival as it symbolises Jesus rising from the dead and opening heaven for everyone).



Christian Worship



Worship for Christians is an act to show love and dedication to God. Worship can include quiet thinking and prayer. Worship may include a conversation between the Christian and God. Often Christians will kneel on their knees to pray.

Church is a place of worship for Christians. The congregation may worship and pray together with a clergyman, pastor or priest leading the worship.

Did you
know?

St. Paul's Cathedral in London was designed by Sir.
Christopher Wren after The Great Fire of London

Features of A Church

The Font contained holy water (water blessed by the clergy). It is used for baptisms and christenings



Altar

The table at the front of the church where bread and wine are blessed

The spire
Points
towards
heaven and
the divine



Font



The lectern or pulpit is at the front of the church. Readings take place at the lectern. This is usually raised so the congregation can see the reader.

Lectern or Pulpit



In some churches, the congregation may sit on pews.

Christian Stories Told Through Art



The Lost Sheep parable told in a stained glass window.



The Good Samaritan parable told in a stained glass window.



The Belfry
Bells call parishioners to church. They mark times of celebration and sorrow.



Stained glass windows
They often tell stories from the Bible

Portable Knowledge – What we need to remember

The cross is a Christian symbol. Jesus Christ was crucified on a cross at Easter.

A church is a group of people or a building where Christians congregate to worship.

Core Vocabulary

Parable– a story in the Bible that teaches a lesson

worship– the expression of love to God.

cross– principal symbol of the Christian faith.