



RE Summer Term –Do people have to go to church to show they are Christian?

Questions to think about.

What places are special to people and why?

Why do Christians attend church?

How can Christians publicly show their beliefs?

Christianity and Churches

Christians believe in just one god. They believe that God created the world and all people. The special place of worship for Christians is called a church. Churches are often in the shape of a cross, as this is an important symbol for Christians. Inside a church, you will find a copy of the Christian holy book, the Bible. This is often placed on a lectern. There will also be an altar (where **Holy Communion** takes place) and a **font**.



Key Vocabulary

communion	<i>A ceremony involving bread and wine that helps Christians remember Jesus.</i>
Font	<i>Something that holds holy water which can be used to bless and baptise people.</i>
Resurrection	<i>Coming back to life after death</i>
Worship	<i>The feeling or act of showing respect, loyalty and love.</i>

Knowledge

What Is a Place of Worship?

A place of worship is a special place within a religion where believers may go to:

- pray
- worship their god or gods
- learn about their religion
- spend time together as a community

Many places of worship have special rules for people to follow as a way of showing respect.



Why Are Places of Worship Important?

Communities often come together in these special places to spend time together or hold events. Many people mark important occasions in their lives at places of worship, e.g. weddings, baptisms, coming of age ceremonies and invitations into the faith.

