



Core Knowledge - Must know

Good to know

Christianity

Baptist Church: Babies are not baptised. Adults are baptised when they are ready to commit to Christ

Anglican Church:

Babies are baptised to welcome them to the church family and ask God to protect them.

Judaism

A Jewish place of worship is called a 'synagogue' = 'house of assembly' (a place to get together), also called 'schul' = school (a place to learn).

Reform Synagogue: men and women sit together, some services in English, might be a choir, girls' heads uncovered, bimah close to Ark.

Orthodox Synagogue: service in Hebrew, no choir/ instruments, men and women separate, all men and women's heads covered, bimah in centre.

Similarities: presence of the Torah scrolls in the Ark, the bimah, the Ner Tamid (eternal light), the 10 commandments, men wear skull caps and prayer shawls.

Hinduism

A Hindu temple is called a mandir. It is a sacred place for Hindu worship.

Baptist Church:Adults are baptised by full immersion in water. Baptism symbolises being 'born' into a new life as a committed Christian. Baptist churches are supported by pastors. The whole congregation elects a person who they think will be a good leader. All members of the church are considered equal, no one is better than anyone else. Children learn in special areas called Sunday School. The 'Lord's Supper' occurs a few times a year. It is not considered essential worship, but it is a way of remembering Jesus' sacrifice. The cross is empty to show the Baptist belief that Jesus rose from the dead and returned to God. Jesus is part of Christians' lives today.

Anglican Church:Babies are baptised at a font; the priest drops water onto their head. A priest leads the congregation. They are trained in special training colleges called 'seminaries'. They are sent to work in churches that need new priests. Children learn in special areas called Sunday School. 'Holy Communion' occurs every week. The congregation eat a piece of bread and drink a sip of wine to think about the sacrifice Jesus made. This ritual is the most important part of the week, where the congregation connects most closely with God. The cross is empty to show the Anglican belief that Jesus rose from the dead and returned to God. Jesus is part of Christians' lives today.

The Western Wall is the most religious site in the world for Jewish people.

A pilgrimage is a special religious journey that is made for a specific purpose. Hindus believe that pilgrimage is important and should be carried out if possible. Through pilgrimage, they can show their belief in God and gain a better understanding of an important holy site.

Vocabulary

Orthodox Jewish - a Jew who adheres faithfully to the principles and practices of traditional Judaism

Reform Jewish - a Jew who adheres to a system of religious worship adapted from Orthodox Judaism to meet the demands of contemporary life, frequently simplifying or rejecting traditional religious law and custom