



Core Knowledge - Must know

Some things and places can be described as ‘sacred’ and ‘holy’. Sacred and holy can mean that it has a special connection with God. It is important to show respect for other people’s precious or sacred belongings.

Christians might worship in a church. You might find crosses and candles in a church.



Jewish people might worship in a synagogue.



Muslims might worship in a mosque.



Good to know

Sometimes religious believers use music to help them in worship e.g. Christians singing traditional hymns with an organ or using contemporary songs and instruments to praise God, thank God, say sorry, to prepare for prayer etc; children’s songs to help learn stories; to celebrate at a wedding.

Special objects and symbols that you might find in a place of worship:

- **church:** altar, **cross**, crucifix, font, lectern, candles and the symbol of **light**
- **synagogue:** ark, Ner Tamid, Torah scroll, tzitzit (tassels), tefillin, tallit (prayer shawl) and kippah (skullcap), hanukkah, bimah
- **mosque/masjid:** wudu; calligraphy, prayer mat, prayer beads, minbar, mihrab, muezzin.

Vocabulary

alter - a raised place (like a table) where worship/prayer can take place

cross - symbol of christianity

crucifix - a cross with an image of Christ on

font - where water is contained for baptism

lectern - a reading stand where the bible rests

candles - a symbol of the light of God