



Is the church the building or the people?

1. What is a church and are all churches the same?

A church is a place of worship for Christians.

There are many different denominations of church.

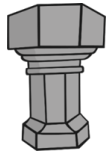
We are going to look at these three:

Baptist - they focus on Christian education, religious freedom, human rights and missions.

Catholic - it is the largest denomination. The Pope is the head of the Catholic church.

Church of England - The King is the head of the Church of England. The archbishop of Canterbury is the spiritual leader of the whole church.

Key Features of a Church



Font



Stained-Glass Window



Altar



Cross

5 Do you have to go to church to be a Christian?

Some Christians believe you should go to church regularly, however other Christians believe that you do not have to go to church because you can communicate with God in a more personal way.

2. Which ceremonies are performed in churches to show a Christian's commitment to their faith?

- **Baptism** - a ritual that uses water to welcome someone into the Christian community. Can also be called a Christening.
- **Weddings** - a celebration to honor the love of two people within a religious faith
- **Communion**— when Christians join together to remember how Jesus sacrificed himself by dying on the cross and accept the bread and wine. Christians can take their first Holy Communion ages 7/8.
- **Funerals** - a special time to remember a person who has died and say goodbye.

5. What is the Lord's Prayer?

Jesus gave us The Lord's Prayer to let us know that **God wants us to talk to Him each day, through prayer, and to share what's on our hearts.**

Our Father in Heaven,
 Hallowed be Your name,
 Your Kingdom come,
 Your will be done,
 On earth as it is in Heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 As we forgive those who sin against us
 Lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For the Kingdom, the power
 And the glory are Yours
 Now and for ever.
 Amen.

Applying Past Knowledge

This learning links with:

- Retelling a story from the Bible—Y1
- Looking at the Christian festivals—Y2

3. How do Christians worship in church?

- Attending church on a Sunday
 - Reading the Bible
- Communion or the Eucharist
 - Signing hymns
 - Prayer

4. What are some of the most important times of the year for a Christian?

Christmas

Easter

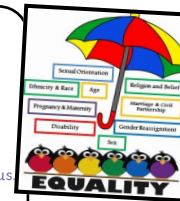


Key Vocabulary

Community - a collection of people with shared beliefs.

Commitment - a promise to follow certain beliefs.

Festival - a time of celebration



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