



Oh I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside Are all churches the same?

1. What are the similarities and differences in the churches you have seen?

Churches come in all shapes and sizes.

| Similarities | Differences |
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| Crosses - Most churches have a cross somewhere. | Building Styles - Some churches are big and fancy like castles, while others are small and simple. |
| Places to Pray - Every church has a quiet place where people can talk to God. | Languages - Churches around the world speak different languages when they pray and sing |
| Bibles & Religious Teachings - Churches teach from the Bible and tell stories about Jesus. | Decorations - Some churches have colourful stained-glass windows, statues, or paintings, while others are plain. |

3. Where is Christianity followed?

Christianity is the world's biggest religion with about 2.2 billion followers worldwide.

North & South America: Countries like the United States, Brazil, and Mexico

Europe - Countries like Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom

Africa - Countries like Ethiopia, Nigeria, and South Africa

Asia - Some countries, like the Philippines and parts of India.

Key Vocabulary

Worship- is an act of religious devotion

Denominations - a recognized branch of the Christian Church.

Beliefs- a state of the mind when we consider something true even though we are not 100% sure or able to prove it.

Churches- a building used for public Christian worship.

2. What are the similarities and differences between different Christian denominations?

Christianity has different **denominations**, which are groups of Christians that believe in Jesus but have some differences in how they worship and understand the Bible.

Examples of Denominations: Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox, Methodists

| Similarities | Differences |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Belief in Jesus | Church Styles |
| The Bible | Church Leadership |
| Holidays | Bible Teachings |
| Church Worship | Ways of Worship |
| | Baptism |

Applying Past Knowledge:

This links to your learning throughout Hillcross, especially in Year 3, when you studied Christianity, focusing on topics like The Church, Worship, Festivals, and Practices.

4. How is Christianity followed in different cultures?

Similarities:

Belief in Jesus | Church | Important Holidays

Differences:

Music and Song | Clothing | Celebrating Holidays | Church Building Styles

