

Places of worship

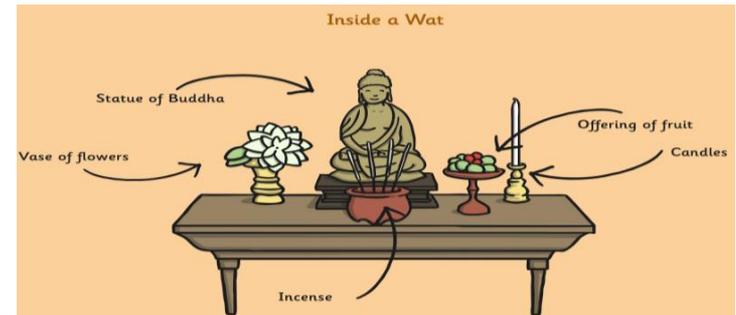
Churches

- There are many different types of Christianity and so there are lots of different types of church.
- Some are very basic e.g. a Methodist chapel and some are very large and impressive e.g. St Paul's Cathedral. Catholic churches tend to be very decorative, with lots of statues and pictures. Anglican churches are usually simpler.
- Different types of churches have different names e.g. chapel, meeting room (Quaker).
- Christian churches all contain a cross and an altar. A bible on a lectern and candles are used for prayer. You may also see stained glass windows, a pew and an organ.
- Cathedral is a church that contains the seat of a bishop.



Buddhist temples

- Buddhist temples are designed to inspire inner and outer peace.
- They symbolize the elements: Fire, Air, Water, Earth and Wisdom. Worship involves chanting, lighting candles and giving offerings to the statue or picture of the Buddha.
- The features of a Buddhist Temple include shrine room, Statue of Buddha, candles, incense and offerings.
- Many Buddhists have shrines at home.



Pilgrimages



Buddhist pilgrims travel in simple clothes, like the Buddha. They often wear a cloth gown and sandals and carry a walking stick. They will walk long distances and offer prayer to the Buddha on their pilgrimage or visit shrines and monasteries, where they give gifts to the monks. They also meditate silently to remove their minds from the world around them. Walking and giving are very important aspects of Buddhism. The four major Buddhist pilgrimage sites are Lumbini, Bodh Gaya, Sarnath and Kushinagar.



Key Vocabulary

Siddhartha Gautama	Birth name of the Buddha
chanting	Speak in a sing-song voice
enlightenment	Realising the truth about life
wat	Buddhist temple
meditation	Focussing or emptying your mind to be calm
monasteries	Religious buildings where monks live
chapel	Small building or room used for Christian worship
cathedral	Main church in a Christian religious area. People go here to pray, worship, sing, or for a wedding, baptism or funeral.
Catholic	A type of Christianity
Anglican (Protestant)	A type of Christianity