

Vocabulary

Church: the Christian place of worship

Christening: Churches baptise children. This is seen as a way of welcoming them into the Christian family

Dedication: A very similar service to a Christening or Infant Baptism service. The child is not dipped or sprinkled in holy water, but churches will dedicate the baby

Vicar, priest, minister: Are all names given by different churches to their leaders

Font: Within a Roman Catholic and Church of England church it is often found near the entrance to the church, and have a place for water to be kept in the centre. It is from here that babies are baptised

Bible: The Bible is a collection of books written by different people that Christians believe was inspired by God

Prayer: Talking with God

Worship: Worship is an act of religious devotion usually directed towards a deity

Cross: a cross as an emblem of Christianity. Jesus was crucified on a cross

Key learning

- name and talk about key Christian objects, artefacts, beliefs, teachings and practices
- investigate what happens at a church Christening or dedication service
- think about where they belong and special ceremonies that they have participated in
- learn about different types of families and what they share together
- suggest meanings for religious actions and symbols
- discuss and connect ideas between different religions

Symbols/Images/artefacts

The cross



A Church

Important people/places/artefacts

The Bible



Church font

Links to further learning

Discover more about how other religions welcome a new born baby, consider what actions, words are similar to what Christians do

Investigate what activities happen at one of two churches – what is similar and what is different between churches