

Religious Education

Christianity

Church

Learning Objectives: By the end of this power point you should:

Have a clear understanding of what a church is and what can be found in a church and why it is important to Christians

Starter Activity

Do you know what a church is?

You have 2 minutes to work with a partner and write down what you know about churches in a mind map.....



You can add things to this as we go through the lesson! Use a coloured line to show new learning.

What is Christianity?

Christianity is the religion of people who are Christians.

What do Christians believe?

Christians believe that there is only one God, they believe he is seen in three ways, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

God is eternal. He was never born and will never die. Christians believe that He sees and knows everything.

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JOHN 3:16

What is a Church?

A Church doesn't have to be built specially: in some places ordinary houses are used for Churches



Some modern Churches have a round floor plan



A Church is a building where Christians meet together to worship God



Older Churches often have a tower, or a spire, and have a floor plan which is cross-shaped or rectangular

A church is a group of people gathered together.

Some churches are very old, stone buildings. Some Churches are very modern

The Bible

The sacred text which records the lives of major figures in Christianity, including Jesus.

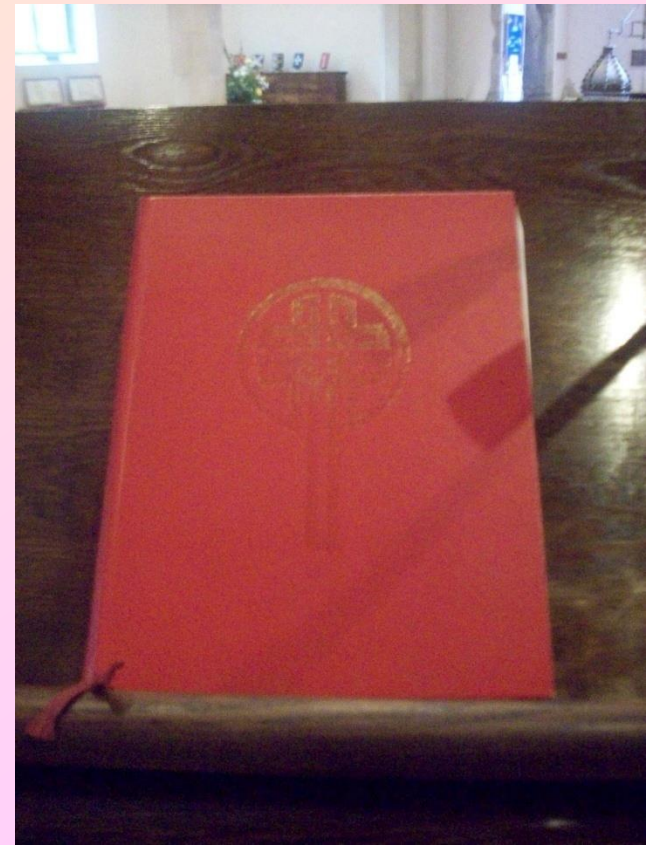
Christians believe that the Bible is the most important book which has ever been written.

The Bible help people to understand what God is like.

The Bible teaches you what is wrong and what is right.

Contains Old and New Testaments.

Reading the bible is a very important part of having a relationship with God



Seating

Churches also have pews.

Pews are long wooden benches where people sit in during a service. In other churches there are more comfortable seats.



Yew Tree

A Yew Tree is often found in Churchyards.

It is a symbol of life going on for ever.



This is because it is evergreen and it lives for a very long time.

The Font



The Font is used to baptise babies.

It is a traditional for the baby to have God Parents. A boy will have 2 God Fathers and 1 God Mother. A girl will have 2 God Mothers and 1 God Father, the God Parents are responsible for the spiritual upbringing.

Members of the family will be present as well as friends. It is the first ceremony of the baby's welcoming into the Christian church.



Some churches do not baptise babies but have a dedication where the parents thank God for the baby and commit to bringing the child up as a Christian.



The Organ

The Organ is used to play hymns but sometimes a church might have a worship group



The organist may accompany the choir that sing the hymns.

The organ is also used to play music for weddings, funerals and other occasions.



Worship

Christians worship in different styles....



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zy6sb9q>

Baptism

- Some denominations do not believe in baptising babies, that you have to choose to follow Jesus. When a person confesses that they believe in Jesus and have made that decision that they may have a full immersion baptism. Like this:

<http://www.teddingtonbaptist.org.uk/tbcbapt6flash.htm#>



- And sometimes.... Just like in the bible, like this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnV8pULZr6U>

Fellowship

Christians like to meet with each other to encourage and support fellow Christians. It is good to spend time with people who also love God and follow Jesus.



To learn about God from the church leaders. Not every church leader wears a special outfit.....



Prayer

- People pray altogether, sometimes in small groups for personal prayers and also on their own.



The Church is not just a building....



Have you achieved the learning objective?

L.O. I know what can be found in a church and why it is important to Christians.

1. What is a church?
2. List 3 objects that can be found in a church
3. Why do Christians go to church? Give at least two reasons.
4. If you went to church, which type of church would you prefer and why?
5. Add new knowledge to your mind map and use a different line colour to show new learning.