

Key Vocabulary

Parables:	A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.
New Testament:	About Jesus and his followers who tried to tell people about God and how god wanted people to live.
Old Testament:	About God and how god wants us to live out lives.
Miracle:	An extraordinary and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore attributed to a divine agency.
Prayer:	A solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God or another deity.

Year 1: Christianity

Place of worship

Christians go to church to pray, to sing, to worship, to learn, to get married, to get baptized, for a funeral and to meet friends.



Features of a Christian church:



Cross - A cross reminds people that Jesus died on the cross



Stained glass windows.

These often show pictures of Bible stories.

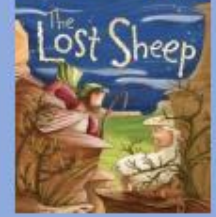
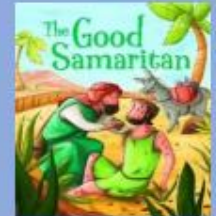
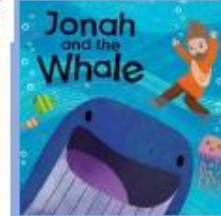


Pews - The benches where people sit.



Altar - The table used during church services.

Bible stories



The Bible

The Bible is the biggest selling book in the world! Christians believe that the Bible teaches people how to live a good Christian life. The first part of the bible is the Old Testament and the second part is the New Testament.



Celebrations

Weddings

A wedding is when two people who love each other make special promises to one another. A Christian wedding happens in a church.



Baptism

Welcomes new babies to the Christian faith. The vicar will hold the baby's head over the font and then sprinkle the baby with water.



Easter

To celebrate the death and coming to life again of Jesus Christ. Celebrated by going to church services, giving easter cards and Easter eggs.



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Symbol	A thing or image that is used to represent something else.
Shahadah	The words whispered into the ear of a baby when they are first born—God is most great. There is no God but Allah.
Prophet	A person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God.
Allah	Muslim (Arabic) word for God.



Year 1: Islam



Place of worship

Mosque

Muslims go to mosque to pray and services are held every day. The most important weekly service is held on a Friday. Inside a mosque there is often a school where people can learn the Arabic language.



Features of a Mosque:



Shoe rack-

A place to leave your shoes before entering.



Prayer mats-

Mosques either have carpets with individual prayer mats or Muslims take their own mat to worship on.

Washroom

Muslims must wash before entering the main hall



Tasbeeh Beads-

Beads hanging around the mosque for worshippers to help think about Allah.

Bible stories



Qur'an

The Qur'an is the Islamic Holy book. Muslims believe it is the direct word of Allah. The Qur'an teaches Muslims how to worship God, how to live good lives and how to treat other people.



Celebrations - Aqiqah

Aqiqah is performed seven days after a baby is born to say thank you to Allah for the birth of a baby. The baby's head is shaved. The hair is weighed and the parents then give the same weight in silver to charity.



Calligraphy

Many Muslims will have some calligraphy in their house and the mosque. Calligraphy is the most highly regarded and most fundamental element of Islamic art.



These are Arabic letters spelling A-LL-A, which is the Muslim word for 'God'.



'Muhammad'

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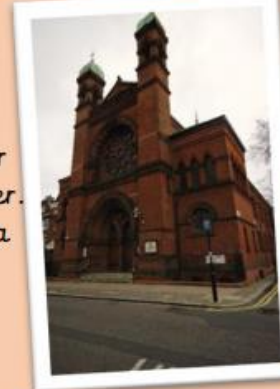
Chuppah	A canopy beneath which Jewish marriage ceremonies are performed which represents the home the couple will share together.
Synagogue	The Jewish place of worship.
Hebrew	an ancient language that is the official language of Israel
Sedar	The special service on the evening before Passover begins.
Seder plate	an important part of the Seder meal, this plate has five sections to hold some special Seder foods.

Year 1: Judaism

Place of worship

Synagogue

A synagogue is a house of prayer where Jewish people can get together to feel closer to God, and each other. The services are led by a rabbi or a worshipper.



Features of a Synagogue

Siddur-

This is the main prayer book.



Bimah

A raised platform where most of the service takes place. The Torah readings happen here.

Ark-

The Ark is a cupboard in which the Torah scrolls are kept.



The Eternal Light

This hangs above the Ark and is always burning to remind everyone that God is always with them.

Stories

The Lost Coin Parable



Torah

The Jewish holy book. The Torah is the first part of the Jewish bible. It is the most important document of Judaism and has been used through the ages.



Showing Respect

Prayer shawl

Adult men wear one for Morning Prayer which has fringes along the edge to remind the worshipper to follow God's way.



Kippah- a hat worn during services to show respect to God.



Weddings

The ceremony takes place beneath the Chuppah. It ends when the groom stamps on a glass. Guests will shout, "Mazel Tov!" which means congratulations or good fortune.



Celebrations

Shabbat

Happens every weekend, starting on Friday evening, and ending Saturday evening. Everyone puts on their best clothes and gather for a special meal.



Passover

Passover is one of the most important festivals in the Jewish year. It is to remember how the Israelite people were freed from slavery by Moses over 3000 years ago. Celebrated for 7-8 days.

