

Topic: Symbols of Worship	Phase: LKS2	Strand: RE – Comparing and Contrasting	
<p><b>What should I already know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify some items which are used in faith worship and can say what they are used for.</li> <li>I can talk about some Christian faith stories and can say what they might make a believer feel.</li> <li>I can identify some of the symbolism used in a Christian wedding, and can compare these symbols to those used in other Christian celebrations (like baptism).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Important things to know...</b></p> <p>This half term we will be finding out about a wide range of religious artefacts and investigating how they are used and what they mean to believers.</p> <p>We will then be focussing on Christianity, and in particular, how and what Christians learn about love, justice and peace. Maybe take some time before our lessons to think about what these words mean to you, and where you learnt about them – was it from home, church, school, family?? We will then be learning about Christian weddings, so if you've ever been to one before then you might have some photos to remember the Big Day. Have a look through or do some research to explore some of the symbols of Christianity that echo through the service.</p> <p>If all goes to plan, we will follow up our focus on Christian weddings by holding our very own mock wedding!! We will be 'marrying' two children from Owls class, so if you'd like to volunteer, let me know 😊</p>	<p><b>We are MANOR!</b> As learners we will ...</p>	
<p><b>At the end of the unit, I will be able to:</b></p>		<p><b>Manners</b></p>	<p>Develop a respect and understanding for the views and opinions of other people and share ideas about our own ideas and thoughts in a respectful manner. We will celebrate good work, value others' contributions, and discuss and debate opinions.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify a range of artefacts that are used in worship and can explain how the use of different artefacts might give believers a sense of belonging.</li> <li>I can talk about what beliefs are expressed through symbols, action and gestures.</li> <li>I can compare and contrast the ideas of love, peace and justice using my knowledge of different faiths.</li> <li>I know the purpose of a wedding and can explain why it is important to both Christians and people from other faiths.</li> <li>I can identify the features and symbols used in a Christian wedding and can talk about their meaning.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Aspiration</b></p>	<p>Learn by being challenged in a series of well-designed and interesting activities designed to deepen our understanding of the world and broaden our horizons. We will be aspirational in developing knowledge and conceptual understanding through practical activities and discussions.</p>
		<p><b>Nurture</b></p>	<p>To recognise that we live in a wonderful world made up of many different people and ways of living. We will develop an appreciation and respect for the diverse world and environment in which we live, showing care and compassion for the people and beliefs around us.</p>
		<p><b>Open-Mindedness</b></p>	<p>We will be open-minded so that we can learn more about others and the way in which they live their lives. We will listen respectfully to each other and not laugh at or make fun of what other people say.</p>
	<p><b>Resilience</b></p>	<p>Engage confidently with the RE curriculum and learn that anything is possible and failure is not something to fear but to learn from. We will support each other to learn new things and share what we know so that we might help others.</p>	

## Christian Weddings

Marriage is very important to Christians. There are many reasons for this. Christians believe marriage is important because the Bible says...

- it is what God intended for men and women;
- it provides people with love and support;
- it is the proper place to start a family;



Though Christian wedding ceremonies differ between denominations, they have many similar features.

Further, some denominations (such as Catholicism) see marriage as a **sacrament**.

## What does the Bible say about marriage?

'He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favour from the Lord' (Proverbs 18: 22)

[Genesis 1:27-28](#) <sup>27</sup>So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."



## How do Christians show Love, Peace and Justice?

**Love** - Have patience with each other - Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other (Colossians 3:12-13).

**Love** - Be generous - If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? (James 2:16)

**Peace** - Deal with conflict early - The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so quit before the quarrel breaks out (Proverbs 17:14).

**Peace** - Practice restraint, especially with your tongue - Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger (James 1:19).

**Peace** - Take a step towards peace - If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. (Romans 12:20)

**Justice** - Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever. For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever. (Psalm 37:27-29)

**Justice** - Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven (Luke 6:37)

## Religious Artefacts

Religious artefacts are objects which have been made by people, and which have special significance within a religion. The object is usually used by the religious believers and is treated with great respect. Which of these can you identify?



## Why do religions have special artefacts?



## Vocabulary

Symbolism	the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities
Gesture	a movement of the hands, arms, or head, etc. to express an idea or feeling
Ritual	a set of actions or words performed in a regular way, often as part of a religious ceremony
Vow	a solemn promise
Metaphor	A metaphor is a figure of speech that describes something by saying it is something else. It's not actually true but it gives the reader a clearer idea of what it is like. 'You are my sunshine.' 'They were peas in a pod.' 'Life is a rollercoaster.'
sacrament	a rituals that teaches, strengthens and expresses faith.
artefact	artefacts are objects which have been made by people, and which have special significance.

## Symbols of Worship Quiz

- 1). Tell me two things that the Bible says about Christian marriage.
- 2). What is a sacrament?
- 3). Which of the quotes from the Bible about Peace do you think is the most powerful?
- 4). Can you list three reasons why religions have special objects?
- 5). Other than the 5 religious artefacts shown in the picture, how many others can you think of?