

Religious Studies Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: 7
Topic: Worship
Half Term: Spring Two



Key Terms

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| Worship | Expressing reverence (respect) and adoration (love) for a deity. |
| Cathedral | The most important church in a diocese. |
| Mosque | A Muslim place of worship. |
| Five Pillars of Islam | Five rules or actions a Muslim should live by. |
| Deity | A god or religious figure. |
| The 5 Ks | Five items or actions which a Sikh should demonstrate. |
| Choir | An organised group of people who sing during worship in churches or cathedrals. They might sing alone or lead the congregation. |
| Turban | A man's head covering consisting of a long length of material wound around a cap or the head, worn especially by Sikhs and Muslims. |
| Religious Building | A building dedicated to the practicing of a religion. |
| Hijab | An item worn by some Muslim women which covers the hair. |
| Vishnu | One of the deities of the Hindu God Brahman. Hindu believe that Vishnu protects and preserves the earth. |

Christians worship God through prayer, which can be done anywhere. Christians also attend services at either a or a cathedral. Some people have argued that buildings such as Durham Cathedral, which costs over £7 million per year to run, should be sold to feed the starving. Some people disagree because of the benefit churches and cathedrals have to their local communities, such as providing pastoral care and funding the choir's school fees.



Muslims attend mosque to pray and are required to pray five times a day. However, Muslims also worship through following the Five Pillars of Islam. This includes Zakat, the requirement to pay 2.5% of your wealth to the poor, if you earn over a certain amount, and Sawm, which is fasting during Ramadan. This means not eating or drinking during daylight hours to remind Muslims to appreciate God's gift and be sympathetic to the poor.

Hindus worship God through prayer and through offerings at temples. At the Padmanabhaswamy temple in a place called Kerala, treasure was discovered worth over £12 billion inside some vaults. The family who look after the temple said that the money was not theirs, and that it belonged to the temple and its deity. Some people believe that this treasure should be sold and that the money should go to the public.



Sikhs demonstrate five special symbols to show dedication to their religion, known as the 5 Ks. These are Kesh, the act of not cutting hair, Kara, the wearing of a plain metal bangle to remind you of the importance of restraint, Kanga, a comb to symbolise cleanliness, Kachha, special underwear to remind you of the importance of chastity, and the Kirpan, a ceremonial sword to demonstrate the protection of the weak.

Religious Teachings "There is no God except Allah. Muhammed is the messenger of Allah."

"Brahman is Truth and Reality."



The Muslim declaration of faith.

Suggested Reading

- *Godless* by Pete Hautman

