



What should I already know?

- That Christians believe in God and Jesus
- Christians worship God in church
- There are several religions across the world, including Christianity and Islam
- Every religion has it's own sacred place of worship

Church

A **church** is a sacred place where Christians can go to **worship** and pray to God. It is also a place they can learn about their religion and become an active part of their **community**.

Most churches feature the symbol of a **cross**, a **bell tower** and **stained glass windows** often depicting stories from the **Bible**. Worshipers sit on **pews** and often sing **hymns** played by an **organ**. **Candles** are lit to represent God's love and worshipers listen to a priest speaking from a **pulpit**.

Mosque

A **mosque** is a sacred place where Muslims go to pray to **Allah** (God).

Inside a mosque, worshippers show their respect to Allah by **removing their shoes** on entry, **washing** before entering the main hall and separating men and women.

Within a mosque, Muslims read and listen to the **Qur'an**, often pray in **Arabic** and do so on the floor on highly decorated **prayer mats**. They face the **Mihrab** which is the closest to **Mecca**, the most sacred site in Islamic belief.

Values

Challenge	What challenges do sacred places face?
Commit	How do Muslims commit to Allah when in a mosque?
Conquer	How do believers conquer prayer and worship from home and from a sacred place?
Celebrate	How do Muslims celebrate Allah?

Islam: Key facts and figures

Place of Origin: Saudi Arabia
Founder: Muhammad
Sacred Text: Qur'an
Sacred Building: Mosque
Holy Places: Mecca, Medina
Major Festivals: Eid, Ramadan



Technical vocabulary

Worship	Feeling and expressing deep love for a deity, often for God
Religions	The belief in and worship of an overarching power, especially in God
Church	A building used for public Christian worship
Mosque	A building used for public Muslim worship
Allah	The one and only God in Islam
Sacred	Connected to or dedicated to God
Holy	Dedicated or consecrated to God
Imam	The person who leads prayers in a mosque
Qur'an	The holy book of Islam
Qubba	The dome which sits atop most Islamic mosques
Mihrab	A niche in the wall of a mosque, at the point nearest Mecca, where the congregation face towards to pray

