

CurriculumVisions Lesson 1

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Religion

The Church

Book: Christian Church

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Christian Church.

In this segment, we are going to think about how the different ways in which the Christian Church is used.

You will need to go to pages 4 and 5.

Look at the pictures and read the text on these pages. What are some things these churches have in common? What are some ways in which they are different?

Answer.....

In common: a tower or spire, large windows or stained glass, a cross

Different: they are different shapes and sizes, use different materials and designs

Look at the illustration and pictures of a large church on pages 6 to 9. Describe some of the different parts of the church that you find on these pages and what they are used for.

Answer.....

Answer may include: nave: a large space; arches to help support the roof; chancel: where the choir sings; altar: where worship takes place; transept: another large space in the church for worship; chapel: a smaller space used for private worship; rood screen: used to separate the nave from the altar; statues and tombs; font: where people are baptised; pews: seats or benches; pulpit: where the preacher stands to give a sermon

Why do the seats or pews in the church face the altar? What things can you find on the altar?

Answer.....

The altar is the focus of the church, it reminds worshippers of the table where Jesus and his Disciples had their last meal together.

Cross, chalice and sometimes bread and wine

Look at pages 12 and 13. What is a font used for? Why are some fonts very large?

Answer.....

It is used for baptism ceremonies. Large fonts are used for baptism ceremonies for adults, where the whole body goes underwater

Look at the three pictures on pages 14 and 15. How are each of these things used in Christian worship?

Answer.....

Candles are used to help people remember and pray for those who have died. Statues help people to remember important Christians when they pray. Plaques showing the stations of the cross remind people of the things that happened to Jesus on his way to be crucified.

How are Friends Meetings Houses and Salvation Army Citadels different from other churches we have seen?

Answer.....

Sample answer: They are plainer and simpler. They do not have organs or stained glass, towers or statues and paintings. The Salvation Army Citadel has an emblem instead of a cross, chairs instead of pews and a brass band instead of a choir. The Friends Meeting House has no pulpit.

How is stained glass used in churches?

Answer.....

It brings light and colour into the church. It tells stories from the Bible or Christian history. It is a reminder of important Christian stories or events.

How is a cathedral different from a church?

Answer.....

Any of: It is larger and has more artwork. It is led by a Bishop. It contains crypts. It has a Bishop's throne.

Look at the pictures of churches from around the world on pages 22 and 23. Why do they look different from churches you might see where you live?

Answer.....

They are made using the materials that are available locally and local

building styles.

That is the end of this worksheet. Find out if your teacher has left you any other worksheets or special instructions on your school website.

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