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Term: Summer 1

Holy Buildings: What is the Christian Holy Building and how does it help them to worship?

Prior Knowledge

Pupils will have explored the term worship (EYFS).

Pupils will have discussed some of the features of a church (EYFS).

Key Knowledge

- Christians Holy building is called a church. Christians also believe that when they gather, in a building or not, they are called the church. Christians use the Bible to help them with their daily life.
- Some (but not all) Christians go to a traditional church each week and during special Christian occasions such as Christmas and Easter.
- In a traditional Church of England church, there will often be:
 - A font (This is often near a doorway. Fonts can be different shapes and sizes, but all fonts hold water. This water is used for baptism, a special ceremony to mark the beginning of a Christian’s faith journey.)
 - An altar (This is where a special ritual called Holy Communion takes place. The priest, or vicar, stands at the altar to perform Holy Communion. The people in the church gather round to take part and remember Jesus.)
 - A lectern (Where a copy of the bible will be. People in church will stand at the lectern to read sections of the bible during a service)
- The shape of many church buildings is a cross. This is because a cross is an important symbol to Christians (Link to Easter topic)
- Christians gather together in a church to worship God. This can often involve singing and praying. It is important for Christians to gather together to worship so that they can help each other to live out their lives as Christians.
- For Christians, prayer is a way of connecting with God at any time and in any place. They believe that prayer is about listening to God as well as talking to him.
- Christians pray in different ways and for different reasons e.g. to say thank you, sorry or please. The Bible has prayers and songs of worship that Christians often use including a special prayer that Jesus taught his disciples called the ‘Lord’s Prayer’.
- The Lord’s Prayer is central for Christians. It is a model for praying as well as a prayer to use together in worship

Key Enquiry Lines

- **To understand that the Holy Building that Christians use is called a church. In a traditional Church of England church, there will be a font, an altar and a lectern.**
- **To understand that Christians talk to God through prayers privately and with others.**

Key Question

What is the Christian Holy Building and how does it help them to worship?

Key Vocabulary

Church, traditional, font, altar, lectern, cross, worship, prayer