

Christian Places of Worship





To identify some of the features of a Catholic church.

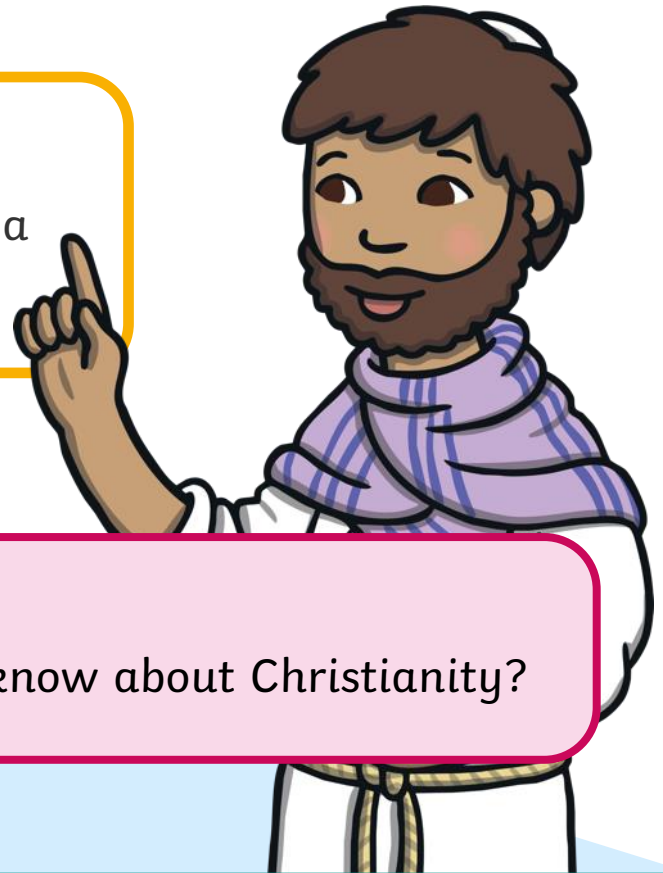
What Is Christianity?

Christianity is all about the belief in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God, who was born over 2000 years ago. Christianity's important holy book is the Bible.

The main symbol of Christianity is the cross, which reminds Christians that Jesus died on a cross.



Talk About It!
What do you know about Christianity?



What Is a Place of Worship?



A place of worship is an area where people go to pray or worship.

There are lots of different places of worship, including churches, gurdwaras, mosques, synagogues and temples.

Talk About It!

Have you ever seen any of these places of worship? Have you ever visited one?

Features of Christian Places of Worship

There are different types of places of worship in Christianity. Some places might have these features that would help you know it was a Christian place of worship. **Click on the buttons** to find out more!



sometimes, the place is called a **ministry** or **church**.
sometimes, the place is called a **monastery** or **abbey**.

a cross



Click here to listen to some church bells.

Church

Did You Know...?

Seventh-Day Adventist Christians hold their main church services on a Saturday.



Talk About It!

Look at these photos. Do you think the churches are old or modern?

Eastern Orthodox Churches

- There are different versions of Christianity and one of these is the Eastern Orthodox church.



Inside Eastern Orthodox churches, there are often icons – brightly coloured pictures of important people.

There are often beautifully decorated domes with lots of candles.

You can often recognise an Eastern Orthodox church by the type of cross displayed on it – this cross is sometimes called a Byzantine cross.

Inside a Catholic Church



Listen To It

To the left of the altar in the picture, there is a musical instrument called an organ. Click [here](#) to hear what it sounds like.

Did You Know...?

There might also be pictures or statues of special people called saints.

font. This is where a baby is
nily.

Different Churches

- Some other churches that are from different branches of Christianity have things in common with Catholic churches. They might have organs, fonts and altars.
- Other churches have different features. They might have instruments such as guitars and drums and people singing hymns into microphones.
- Instead of a font, some churches have large tanks which can be filled with water in order to baptise adults.



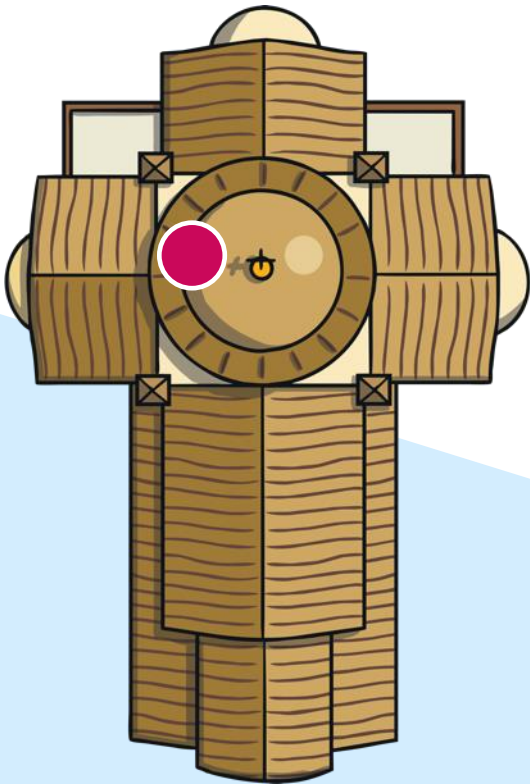
Famous Churches



Westminster Abbey, London

Cathedrals

A cathedral is a type of church where a **bishop** is based. Often, cathedrals are large and grand. Like some churches, when viewed from above, a cathedral is shaped like a cross. **Click on the button** to find out more!



A cathedral will often have different parts including the quire where the choir, priests and other church workers will sit and the nave (where most people sit during a service).

bishop: An important leader who looks after a whole area and the churches in them.

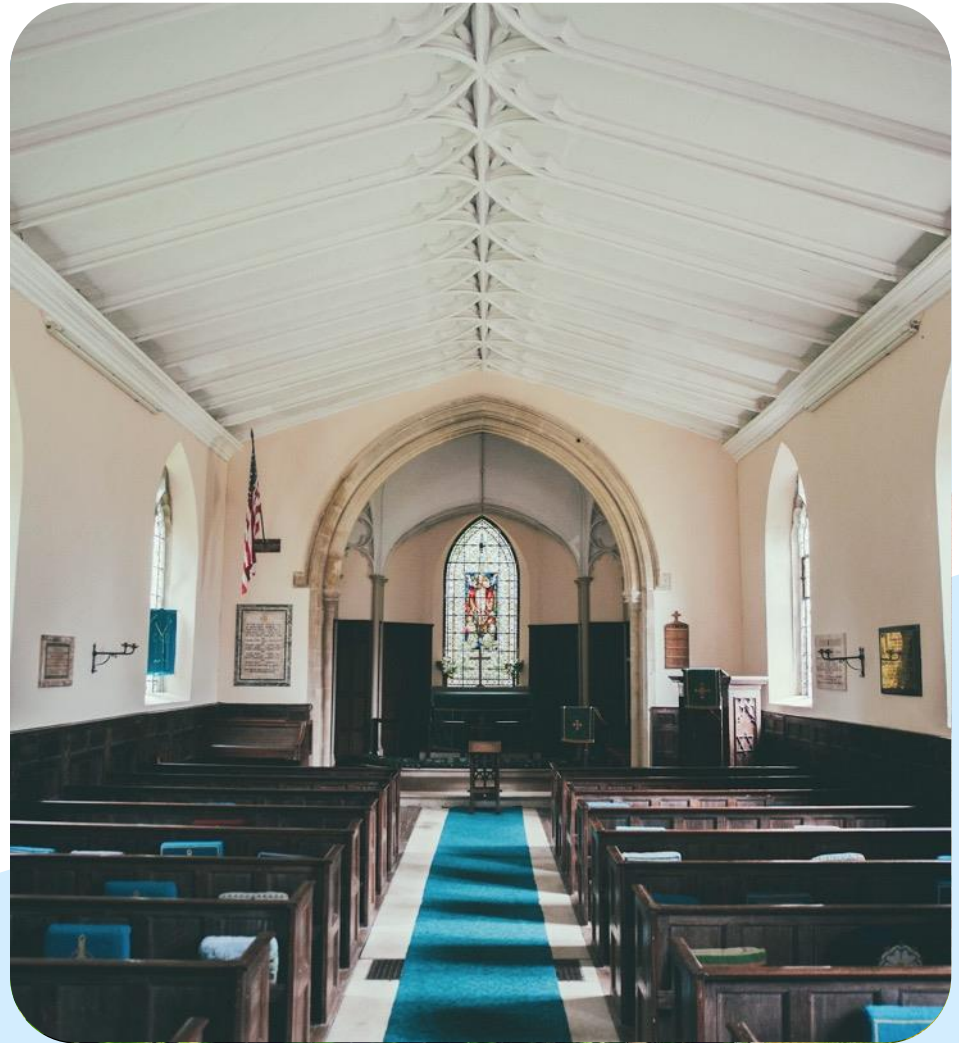
Famous Cathedrals



Saint Giles' Cathedral,
Edinburgh

Chapels

- A chapel is a place of worship that is usually smaller than a church or cathedral. Some churches and cathedrals have chapels attached to them. Sometimes these chapels are dedicated to the Virgin Mary (the Mother of Christ) and are known as a Lady Chapel.
- In other places, a chapel is a separate place of worship. Chapels are particularly common in Wales.



A cartoon illustration of a church with a brown roof and a steeple, set against a blue sky. There are green trees and a green lawn with red flowers in the foreground. The church has a large arched window on the left and a smaller one on the right.

Play this Game

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/places-of-worship-church-interactive-labelling-activity-tg-323-newlink>



Can you now label the features of a church?

