

Hyde Park Junior School – Religious Education

Topic: Believing- Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism

Year: 5

Strand: Religious Education

Enquiry Question: If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?

Key information

Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism are four of the 'major' world religions present across the globe. Each are unique, having their own beliefs as well as places of worship. Places of worship can support believers in difficult times by reminding members of their God's words and helping them feel that they are in a community rather than alone with their difficult situation.

The different places of worship



Buddhists, Christians, Hindus and Jews

Buddhism

Buddhism started in India over 2,500 years ago. Buddhists follow the teachings of a man called **Siddhattha Gotama**. He became known as the **Buddha**, which means 'enlightened'.

Christianity

Christianity is focussed on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe to be the Son of God. Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the Middle East over 2,000 years ago.

Hinduism

Hinduism is over 4,000 years old, making it one of the world's oldest religions. It is made up of a variety of different religious beliefs and practices. It originated near the Indus River in India. The name 'Hindu' comes from the word Indus.

Judaism

Judaism began nearly 4,000 years ago in a place called the Middle East. This is a large area on the border of Asia, Africa and Europe.

Jews believe that there is only one **God**. They believe they have a special agreement with God called a **covenant**. Jews promise to obey God's laws to say thank you to him for looking after them.



What do we mean by 'belief'?

Belief in something means to accept that it exists, is true and is real. Often, belief can mean faith or confidence in something without physical 'proof'. In religious terms, members of a religion believe that they're directed by God or deity.

Key Vocabulary

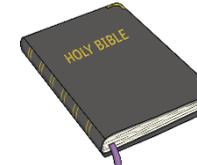
worship	to express adoration and reverence for a deity
Buddhism	a religion/ philosophy, which is Asian in origin, founded by Siddhartha Gautama
Christianity	a religion based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ
Hinduism	a religious and cultural tradition of South Asia
Judaism	the religion of Jewish people
Temple	the Buddhist place of worship
Church	the Christian place of worship
Mandir	the Hindu place of worship
Synagogue	the Jewish place of worship
monotheism	a religion that worships only one God
polytheism	a religion that worships more than one God
deity	the creator and supreme being in a religion

What are the key religious texts?

Tripitaka



Bible



Vedas



The Torah



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Questions	Start of unit:	End of unit:
1. What are the main places of worship for Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, and Jews?	Buddhists: Christians: Hindus: Jews:	Buddhists: Christians: Hindus: Jews:
2. What is the most important function of a place of worship for religious believers?		
3. What do Buddhists believe about worship?		
4. What do Christians believe about worship?		
5. What do Hindus believe about worship?		
6. What do Jews believe about worship?		
7. How does worship help religious believers at difficult times?		