



Light and Faith

RE Y1: Christianity and Judaism

Key Questions

What celebrations do you have that have include light?

Why is Christmas important to Christians?

What does light represent for Christians?

Why is light important to the Jewish faith?

Why do Jewish children celebrate Hanukkah?

Key Vocabulary

Bible - a Christian book about God and Jesus

Christmas - a Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus

Hanukkah - the Jewish festival of light

Menorah - the 9-candle holder used during Hanukkah

Links to prior learning:
Religious Celebrations (YR)

Links to other subjects:
Science - Light (Y1)
Further RE learning throughout the school



Christians celebrate in a church

Places of worships

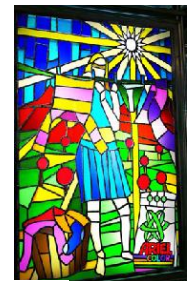
Jewish people celebrate in a synagogue.



Key learning

Christians believe the stories in the bible have special meaning.

In churches you see stained glass windows. The coloured pictures tell stories from the bible. The rays of light from the sun light up the stories. Christian children make a **Christingle** at **Advent**. This starts the lead up to Christmas.



Christingle

CANDLE
Jesus - he shows us what God is like

ORANGE
the world

4 COCKTAIL STICKS
4 corners of the world

RED TAPE
God's love for the world

SWEETS
the good gifts God gives us

Hanukkah is the Jewish festival of light. This celebrates one of the greatest miracles in Jewish history.

A **Menorah** is lit by Jewish people. One candle is lit for each day of the 8-day festival. Games are played and special food is made to celebrate this occasion.



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menorah