



Symbols and Rituals

RE Y1: Christianity and Hinduism



Key Questions

What objects are special to you?

What artefacts are special to Christians and why do they use a cross?

What artefacts are special to Hindus and why do they use a shrine?

A religion is a faith - something people believe in.
Different religions have different Gods and beliefs.

Places of worship

Key Vocabulary

Artefact - an object made by human hands

Symbol is something that represents something else or has deeper meaning.

Celebration - people mark a special day, event, or holiday by doing joyous things

Puja - Hindu worship including prayers and offerings

Cross - a symbol of Christ

Shrine - a place where you worship something or someone special eg. a God

Key learning

Christians believe in God and his son Jesus.

Easter is a special time when Christians celebrate that Jesus' gave up his life but was reborn to save them. Many Christians go to special church services to remember Jesus and family members celebrate his resurrection together. This celebration is called Easter. Christians pray to the cross as a symbol of the Son of God.

Hinduism is a religion that has fused many different traditions and practices.

Shrines are a place of worship for Hindus. A home shrine contains a special tray called a puja tray. This holds special objects used in worship. **Puja** involves offerings of light, incense, flowers and food to the deities (the gods). Family members often worship together. Hindus pray daily at the shrine.

Links to prior learning:

Religious Celebrations (YR)

Christianity (Y1)

Links to other subjects:

Art - Rangoli patterns

Physical Education - yoga

Personal Development - respecting beliefs and customs of others