

RE Knowledge Organiser

Southwold Primary School



Topic: Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?

Year 4 Summer 2

Christianity

What should I already know?

- **Love of God** and **love of neighbour** can be demonstrated by a **Christian** through service to the Church and its community. (E.g. arranging flowers, reading, taking communion to the sick, contributing to music etc).
- Other Christians will consider it most important to do good work in the **community** as well as. Or instead of helping specifically in the church building or services.
- These were the commandments given by Jesus in **Matthew 22:37-40**.

Impact on believer/daily life

Although many Christians will attend church, the regularity and reasons for attending may vary hugely.

Some Christians will attend weekly or even daily to **pray** and receive **communion**.

Some will attend only for larger festivals such as **Christmas** and **Easter** or for family events such as weddings, baptisms or funerals.

Some Christians will only **pray** when they go to **church**, others will also pray at **home** on a regular or more ad hoc basis.

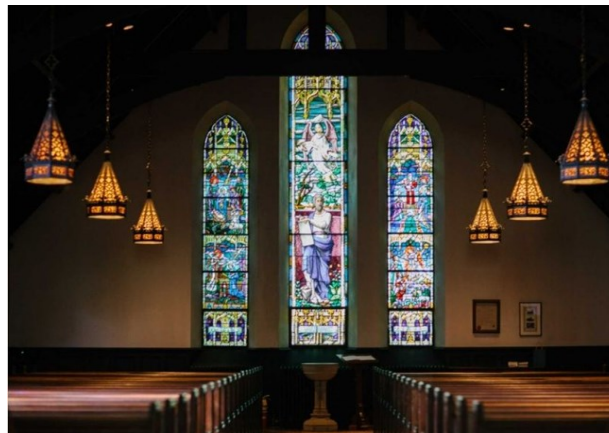
Vocabulary

Bible	Christian Holy Book.
Old Testament	The part of the Bible which explains God's relationship with his people before Jesus, whom Christians believe is the Son of God, came to earth.
Genesis	First book of the Bible.
Sacraments	Rites which are often performed in Churches such as marriages, baptisms and communion/Eucharist.
Eucharist/ Communion	The taking of bread and wine in remembrance of the events of the Last Supper.
Saints	Holy people recognised by the Church because of actions in their lives, miracles or the examples they set.

What will I know by the end of this unit?

- Jesus taught about worship in the **Bible** and **praying**.
- **Baptism** is generally a **rite** for babies, although adults can choose to be baptised later in life. It confers the name of the person and their part in God's family.
- Many Christians would choose to get married in church to confer **God's blessing** on the marriage.
- Churches frequently have **art** or **symbols** which may remind the Christian of his or her **beliefs** or the life of Jesus or other figures from the Bible or later saints. These can help the Christian focus when in church which they may find more difficult e.g. at home where there are more distractions.

Images



Links with other Religions

- **Bar/Bat Mitzvah** (Judaism) - The Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony shows a commitment to Judaism.
- **Sacred Thread ceremony/Upanayana** (Hinduism) - A ceremony for boys in some Hindu communities to confirm they are of an age to take on religious responsibility.
- **Rules** (different religions) - Many religions have rules which believers try to follow to show their commitment. For example: The 10 Commandments (Judaism), The Three Golden Rules (Sikhism), The 5 Pillars of Islam (Islam) and The Five Precepts (Buddhism). Hinduism is about giving generously to those in need. **Tzedakah** (Judaism). Tzedakah means 'charity.' Giving Tzedakah is one of the most important commandments for Jews. Many Jews keep a tzedakah box in their homes
- **Shabbat** (Judaism) - Jewish people celebrate Shabbat weekly