



R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

LESSON TITLE Special Places-3 Churches-external features	LEARNING STAGE KS1	WST TEACHER/DATE Mrs Tricia Bastable
AIM: To show and explore the similarities of different local places of worship. LEARNING OBJECTIVE: To talk about Churches as special places for Christians.	MAIN AREA/S OF LEARNING (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22) Beliefs and practices Identity and belonging Prayer, worship and reflection Symbols and actions Other AOL covered: Sources of wisdom	LESSON RESOURCES: WST 5 min video presentation- https://youtu.be/f31jtPdrYVM (See previous video at: https://youtu.be/ZrbCrn5gElw) Suggested design activities. School to provide: Plain paper pencils Vocab: Worship,

Watford Schools Trust is a local Christian charity that seeks to support teachers delivering good R.E. lessons. Our aim is give children a clear understanding of the Christian faith.

This is the third in a series of short videos for KS1 children about special places. Today's video mainly looks at the features you would find *inside* a Church building.

Introduction:

Tricia introduces Churches as places of worship, buildings where people can meet together to **'think about God.'** She shows simple actions for this phrase which is repeated throughout the video. The children are asked to think about any visits they may have made to a church.

Main content:

The children are shown a variety of church artefacts:

Bible- the special book that Christians read to learn about God and Jesus.

Stained-glass windows- some churches have these to share Bible stories or symbols to encourage people to think about God.

Pews- these are wooden benches for people to sit on during the services.

Kneeling pads- these are embroidered cushions that some people use to kneel on when they pray in church.

Altar- this is a table at the front of the church where the items for Communion (bread and wine) are usually put. Sometimes you'll also see candles and a cross.

Lectern- a stand where the Bible is read from.

Pulpit- a raised stand where the church leader (Vicar) stands to talk to the people about God.

Cross- Tricia shows two crosses, the first is a **Crucifix**, which shows a small figure of Jesus on the cross. The second is an **empty cross** that reminds Christians that Jesus came back to life.

Font- a container for water which is used in a Christening service to welcome babies into the Church family.

Quick Quiz:

Tricia asks the chn if they can say what these three items are: pews, font, Bible?

Activity:

Tricia asks the children to draw and label three of the artefacts. Our last final video in this series about stained-glass windows so they are not included in list.

She asks them which of the list of artefacts would encourage people to think about God.

Class teacher's notes

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