



## R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

<b>LESSON TITLE</b> Special Places- 4 Churches. Why do Christians go to Church	<b>LEARNING STAGE</b> KS1	<b>WST TEACHER/DATE</b> Mrs Tricia Bastable
<b>AIM:</b> To explore ideas about why Christians go to church.  <b>LEARNING OBJECTIVE:</b> To talk about why Christians go to Church	<b>MAIN AREA/S OF LEARNING</b> (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22) Beliefs and practices Identity and belonging Prayer, worship and reflection Symbols and actions  <b>Other AOL covered:</b> Sources of wisdom	<b>LESSON RESOURCES:</b> <b>WST 5 min video presentation-</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/HUTeaFPBzkM">https://youtu.be/HUTeaFPBzkM</a>  See previous presentation at: <a href="https://youtu.be/f31jtPdrYVM">https://youtu.be/f31jtPdrYVM</a>  <b>Suggested design activities.</b>  <b>School to provide:</b> Plain paper pencils  <b>Vocab:</b> 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 fourth in a series of short videos for KS1 children about special places. Today's video looks at why Christians attend Church and belong to a Church.

### Introduction:

Tricia reminds us that Churches are 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.

A slide of some Church artefacts is shown, you may like to re-cap what these items are and what they are used for.

### Main content:

Tricia asks the children to suggest what might happen inside a church. Then shows and explains the following activities:

**Hymns and singing** - Christians sing songs to God and about God. The children are asked to consider if they were to write a song to God what might it be?

**The Church leader-** Church leaders have a variety of titles including vicar, priest and minister. Part of his job is to teach people what the Bible says about God and Jesus.

**Weddings and Christenings-**These are happy occasions when people celebrate with their Church family.

**Sunday school-**Lots of Churches run activities for children and young people.

**Communion-**Christians regularly commemorate Jesus' last supper with a special service. This has lots of different names but here is referred to as Communion.

**Prayer-**In Church people may kneel to pray on a kneeling pad; however, Christians believe that you can talk to God anywhere and in any position. Tricia asks the children to think about writing or drawing their own prayer to God.

**Church family-** Although the church building is important most Christians believe it is the people that make up the Church. They see belonging to a Church as part of belonging to God's family. A family that helps and cares for them.

**Activity:**

We have supplied a pdf copy of the Church outline on the last screen. Tricia asks the children to draw and label some of the things people do in Church. She reminds them that they may also like to write a song or a prayer.

**Class teacher's notes**

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