



# In what ways are churches and synagogues important to believers?

## Religions – Christianity and Judaism

Key Vocabulary	
Religion,	What someone believes and how they show it in their lives.
Christian	People to follow the teachings of Jesus and believe He is the Son of God.
Jewish	People who follow the teachings the Tanakh, or Jewish Bible.
church	Christian place of worship.
Torah	Jewish holy (special) book, the first part of the Tanakh. The 5 books of Moses.
Bible	Christians' holy (special) book
synagogue	Jewish place of worship.
worship	To show a lot love and respect to God.
symbol	A small sign or mark which makes you think of a bigger idea.
ark	The box or cupboard where the Torah is kept.
font	The special bowl where water is put for baptisms
holy	Something that is special because it is to do with God.
God	The being who created the universe
altar	The table where the bread and wine are prepared.
Ner tamid	Lamp kept burning in the synagogue
Paschal candle	Special candle lit on Easter Day and used in baptisms all year.
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Star of David	Symbol of Judaism, 6 pointed star

**Big Questions**

What makes somewhere special?

What makes somewhere or something holy?

What places are special to me?

**Special People**

Jesus - Christians

King David - Jewish

**Special Stories**

The Last Supper and the Easter story – Communion

The Temple Lamp - Hannukah

**Prior Learning**

Christianity - Advent, Christmas, Easter.

Judaism - Shabbat, Hanukah, Tu B'Shevat.

**Special Celebrations**

Weddings – Jewish and Christian

Christenings/Baptism - Christian

**In what ways are churches and synagogues important to believers?**

Churches and synagogues are places where Christians and Jews go to pray and worship God, to hear stories from their special books, to see family and friends. They celebrate special life events there, like the birth of a baby or a wedding, and also when they are sad such as when someone has died.

Synagogues all look different but share some features.

Christian churches from different denominations maybe very different from each other but Christians may still go there for similar reasons.