



Vocabulary

Sacred	Connection with God
Religion	The belief in and the worship of a superhuman power such as a God/s
Worship	Deep Feeling or expression for a God or religious figure
Special	Exceptionally important person or place
Crucifixion	An ancient form of execution where a person is bound to a cross.
Bible	The book of sacred writings accepted by Christians as coming from God.
Bhagawad Gita	One of the most important holy texts for Hindus. It contains the words of Lord Krishna.
Pilgrimage	A journey to a place of particular interest or significance.
Holy	Dedicated to God or a religious purpose
Ceremonies	A formal religious occasion where rituals and procedures take place
Spiritual	Connections with the soul and religion
Qur'an	The Qur'an is the sacred scripture of Islam.

Places of worship



Temple



Church



Synagogue



Mosque



Gurdwara

The river Ganges

- Is a special place for Hindus
- It is also known as the Ganga river
- The river flows through northern India and Bangladesh
- Hindus believe the water from the Ganges is purifying and holy
- It attracts millions of pilgrims





The church of holy sepulchre

- Is a sacred place for Christians
- It is built on the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion and burial
- It is in the north-west quarter of the old city of Jerusalem



The Hajj

- Is a pilgrimage that Muslims make to Mecca
- They make the trip once in their lifetime as it is one of the five pillars.
- They follow the first pilgrimage made by Prophet Abraham (pbuh) 4000 years ago and later by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).
- It is a journey to God



Holy Books

Different faiths and religions have sacred/holy books. These books often have the teachings or 'words of God' that people follow to lead a good and happy life.

Christianity – The holy text is the Bible

Islam - The holy text is the Qur'an

Judaism - The holy text is the Torah

Hinduism - The holy text is the Bhagavad Gita

Sikhism - The holy text is the Guru Granth Sahib

Buddhism - The holy text is the Tripitaka

All books should be treated with care and respect.

Religious books may require special rituals to be performed before and after reading them, but all books need to be kept in a safe and special place.

Extending your learning:

1. Visit a local place of worship. What do you notice on the outside? What does it look like inside? What is it called?
2. Do you have a special place of worship? If so, what makes it special?