

# Starter Activity



All of these building look different, but what do they all have in common?  
Who might visit them?  
What might happen in them?

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LO: to understand the importance of churches to Christians

Read the information below and follow the instructions written in **Purple**

# Churches throughout the world.

Church buildings throughout the world vary hugely!

Church buildings reflect the people who built them, when they were built and the needs of the Christians who worship in them.

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Here are two churches in the UK.

How might each church reflect who built them?

How might location have affected how big each church needed to be?

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# Churches throughout the world.

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## Wells Cathedral, Wells



Wells Cathedral was planned by a Bishop in 1175. It was built to be the seat of the Bishop (an important Christian leader).

The church is so grand because it was meant to be the central building for Christianity in its area of the country.

## Sutton-on-the-Hill Methodist Chapel, Derbyshire

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This chapel was built by the Methodist church. It was built to serve a very small, rural village, so small that it doesn't have a shop. Therefore the church could be simple and small.



# Churches throughout the world.

Here are some more examples of how churches around the world reflect the people who built them and who worships in them.



**Hillsong Church in Cape Town, South Africa.**

The modern building reflects a modern way of worshipping.

Congregations here worship with rock music and dress casually.

**St. Artemios church, Santorini, Greece**

This old church building reflects the local architecture of the island.

Many people on Santorini would have felt very connected to the sea, perhaps this is why the church and other buildings are blue and white?



# Why do people go to church?

Christian churches hold services of worship every Sunday. There are usually other events happening at churches throughout the week such as bible studies, social events and prayer nights.



Christians go to church to praise God together as a group, and to build friendships with other Christians (called fellowship) and learn from the Bible together.



# Why do people go to church?

During a Sunday service, the congregation will usually sing hymns and songs together as a way of worshipping God, and listen to Bible teaching and readings together.

Christians also receive 'Holy communion' at church. This is where some Christians drink wine and eat bread to remember the events of the last supper. With the wine they remember Jesus' blood and with the Bread they remember Jesus' body, when he was crucified on the cross.



Jesus took bread and wine and shared it with his disciples the night before he was killed. This is known as The Last Supper.

Watch this video about Christian  
worship



# Important Occasions in Church

## Weddings

A Christian church wedding is a special ceremony where a bride and groom come together to declare their love and devotion to one another in front of God, family and friends.

The couple make important promises in front of God, and there are Bible readings and worship songs.

The bride usually wears a white gown and rings are exchanged as a symbol of never ending love.



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## Baptisms

This is also known as a Christening. At somebody's baptism, the church officially welcome them into God's family.

Both babies or adults can be baptised. The vicar can pour Holy water over the person's head, dunk their head in Holy water or fully immerse the person in Holy water.

This is done because John the Baptist baptised Jesus like this in the Bible.

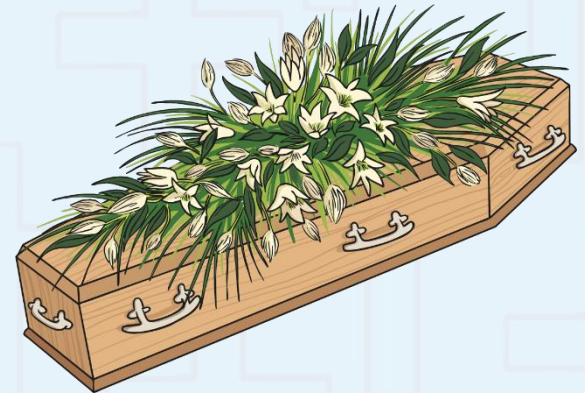


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## Funerals

When a Christian dies, a funeral is held for family and friends.

This is a chance for everyone to say goodbye and to thank God for their life.



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'Questions about Christians and  
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