

Exploring Places of Worship

Learning objective: To understand the purpose and features of different places of worship.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

Leo the lion led his friends on a special walk through the town to visit different places of worship. Leo explained that a place of worship is a sacred building where people go to pray, reflect, and feel closer to their faith.

First, they visited a church, where they saw a large cross and heard about the importance of community. Next, they visited a mosque, where they noticed the beautiful geometric patterns on the walls and learned that people remove their shoes to show respect. Finally, they visited a gurdwara, where they were welcomed with kindness and learned that everyone is equal, regardless of who they are.

Max noticed that while each building looked different on the outside, they all felt peaceful on the inside. Nova asked if every religion had a special building, and Leo explained that for some, nature itself can be a place of worship. The friends realised that although people follow different traditions, these buildings all provide a quiet space for people to find peace and support one another.

Word bank: sacred · community · symbol · tradition · worship

1. What are two things people do in a place of worship, according to the text? (2 marks)

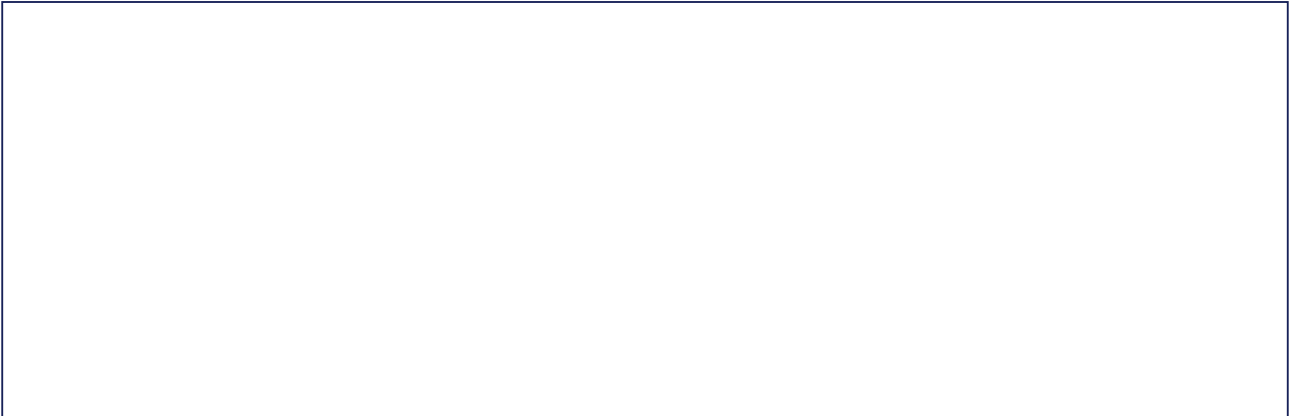
2. Why do people remove their shoes when visiting a mosque? (1 mark)

3. How do we know that the buildings felt welcoming to Leo and his friends? (2 marks)

4. What does the text suggest is the main similarity between the different places of worship? (2 marks)

**5. In your opinion, why is it important for a town to have different places of worship?
Explain your answer. (3 marks)**

Draw: Draw a picture of a peaceful place of worship, including a symbol that represents the faith of that building.



Extension challenge: Research one other place of worship not mentioned in the text, such as a temple or synagogue. Write down two features you would expect to see there.