

Exploring Places of Worship with Leo

Learning objective: To identify and describe the features and purposes of different places of worship within various faith communities.

Leo the Lion is visiting different places of worship to learn how people express their faith. Help Leo match the special feature or object to the correct place of worship. Write the name of the place of worship from the word bank next to each description.

Word bank: Church · Mosque · Synagogue · Mandir · Gurdwara

1. I am a place of worship for Sikhs. I often have a community kitchen called a langar where free food is served to everyone. (1 mark)

2. I am a place of worship for Muslims. People take off their shoes before entering and may pray facing towards Makkah. (1 mark)

3. I am a place of worship for Hindus. You will often find beautiful statues of deities and people may light incense here. (1 mark)

4. I am a place of worship for Christians. I might have a bell to call people to service and a cross on the wall or roof. (1 mark)

5. I am a place of worship for Jewish people. Inside, you will find the Torah, which is read from a special scroll. (1 mark)

6. Which of these places of worship do you think would be the most peaceful? Explain why you think so. (2 marks)

Draw: Imagine you are designing a community center that welcomes people of all faiths. Draw a picture of what the entrance would look like to make everyone feel welcome.



Extension challenge: Research one place of worship in your local area. Write down its name and one interesting feature it has that you discovered.