

Exploring Christian Symbols and Traditions

Learning objective: To understand and visually represent key symbols and practices within Christianity as part of a Year 4 RE curriculum.

Follow the steps below to create a detailed scene representing Christian life and belief. Use the word bank to label your illustrations accurately.

Draw: Create a detailed interior scene of a church. In the style of a technical architectural sketch, draw a vaulted ceiling, rows of wooden pews, a large stained glass window featuring a dove, and a central communion table. Ensure the drawing is tidy, uses clear lines, and leaves space for the labels from the word bank. Use light shading to show where sunbeams are entering through the glass.



Label words: Cross · Stained Glass · Font · Bible · Communion Table · Pew · Dove · Light

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large, ornate window at the back of your church scene. Label this 'Stained Glass'. Explain why stained glass windows are often used in churches to tell stories.
2. Step 2: Draw a central table at the front of your scene. Label this 'Communion Table'. Why is this table considered a significant focal point for many Christians?
3. Step 3: Draw a bowl on a stand near the entrance. Label this 'Font'. What is the purpose of a font in a

Christian church?

4. Step 4: Draw a book resting on a stand. Label this 'Bible'. Why do Christians consider this text to be the 'Word of God'?
5. Compare and contrast: How might a church building differ from a person's home when used for private prayer? Justify your answer.
6. What might happen if a church removed all symbols and decorations? How would this change the atmosphere for the congregation?