Special Places of Worship with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify that different religions have special places where people go to pray, reflect, and celebrate together.

Max the Monkey is looking at how people around the world have special buildings for their beliefs. Look at the pictures and answer the questions to help Max learn about these amazing spaces.

Max the Monkey loves solving puzzles! He has travelled the world and seen many beautiful buildings where people go to be quiet, think, and talk to God. Some have tall towers, some have domes, and others have beautiful patterns. Inside, people often sing, read holy books, or sit together in peace.

Word bank: Church · Mosque · Synagogue · Temple · Gurdwara · Pray · Community · Quiet

1. Max found a building where Christians go to pray. Can you name a place where Christians go? (1 mark)

2. Why do you think it is important for people to have a quiet place to go to? (2 marks)

3. Look at the list of words. Which two words describe things people might do inside a special place of worship? (2 marks)

4. If you were building a special place for your community, would you want it to be bright and colourful or very quiet and calm? Why? (2 marks)

5. Max visited a Gurdwara where everyone is given free food called Langar. Why do you think sharing food is a kind thing to do? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a special place where people go to be quiet and think. You could draw a building you have seen or design your own special place with flowers and windows.

Extension challenge: Ask an adult at home to help you find a picture of a different place of worship. Can you spot one thing that makes it look different from your house, like a special symbol or a tall tower?