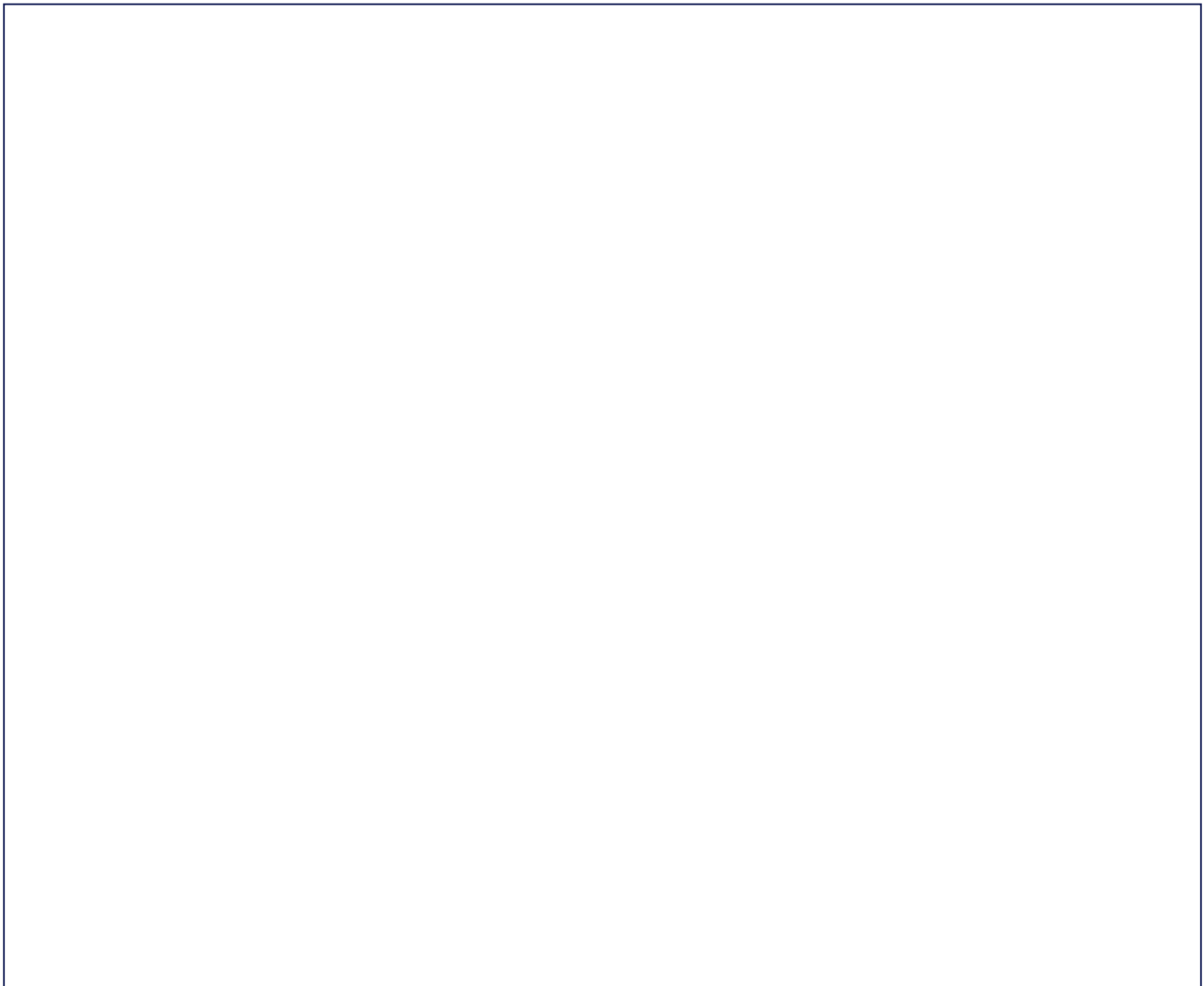


Exploring Christian Symbols and Their Meanings

Learning objective: To identify and understand the significance of key symbols used within Christianity and their role in reflecting Christian beliefs.

Use your knowledge of Christian symbols to complete the drawing on this page. Think about why these symbols are important to Christians and how they represent different aspects of the faith.

Draw: Create a scene depicting a 'Symbol Garden'. In the centre, draw a large, gentle tree. Around the base and branches of the tree, incorporate the symbols from the word bank. For example, draw an Ichthys fish swimming in a pond nearby, a dove perched on a branch, and a loaf of bread and a cup on a stone table. Use a warm, peaceful colour palette. Ensure the style is clear and illustrative so the symbols are easily identifiable.



Label words: Cross · Dove · Bread · Wine · Ichthys · Light

Steps:

1. Identify one symbol from the word bank and explain in your own words what it represents to a Christian.
2. Why do you think Christians use symbols in their churches and art?
3. Label the 'Ichthys' (the fish symbol) on your drawing. What does this symbol historically represent?
4. Draw a candle on your page. Why is 'Light' considered a significant symbol in many Christian celebrations?

5. If you were designing a new symbol to represent peace and kindness, what would it look like and why?