

Class 5 Religious Education Assessment: Places of Worship

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and compare the features and significance of various places of worship within major world religions.

Read each question carefully before writing your answer. Use the word bank to help you with terminology. Write in full sentences where required.

Places of worship are special buildings where people of different faiths gather to pray, reflect, and celebrate their beliefs. While these buildings look very different on the outside and have unique features inside, they all serve as a home for a religious community. Whether it is a place for quiet meditation or a place for loud, joyful singing, these spaces are designed to help people feel connected to the divine.

Word bank: Synagogue · Mosque · Mandir · Gurdwara · Church · Community · Sanctuary · Altar · Minaret · Bimah

1. Identify one specific feature found inside a Church and explain its purpose. (2 marks)

2. Nova the Owl is visiting a Mosque. Name one architectural feature she might see on the exterior of the building. (1 mark)

3. Why is a Mandir considered a 'home' for a deity in the Hindu faith? Use your own words to explain. (3 marks)

4. Explain two ways that a Gurdwara serves the local community beyond just being a place for prayer. (4 marks)

5. Compare a Synagogue and a Church. State one similarity and one difference in how they are used by their congregations. (4 marks)

6. Max the Monkey is curious about why people build such elaborate places of worship. Write a short paragraph explaining why religious groups invest time and money into creating beautiful, symbolic buildings. Think about how these buildings make people feel and what they represent to the community. (5 marks)

7. Name three different religions and the correct name for their place of worship. (3 marks)

8. What does the word 'sanctuary' mean in the context of a place of worship? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch of a place of worship you have studied. Label at least three important features that you would find inside or outside the building.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Imagine you are designing a new community space that welcomes people of all faiths. Describe two features you would include to ensure everyone feels respected and included.