Exploring Special Places: A Journey with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and recognise that different people have special places where they go to worship and show respect.

Ellie the elephant is visiting different special buildings today. Look at the pictures of the items or features below. Draw a line to match each item to the correct place of worship. Then, look at the questions to tell Ellie what you know about these special places.

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

1. Ellie sees a beautiful archway and people taking off their shoes before entering a quiet, calm room. Which place do you think this is? (1 mark)

2. Why do people think a place of worship is special? Talk to your teacher about how it makes people feel. (2 marks)

3. If you were building a special place to say thank you for the world, what would you put inside it? (e.g., flowers, soft cushions, pictures) (2 marks)

4. True or False: All people go to the same building to pray. Why? (2 marks)

5. Can you name one thing that might be found in a church, such as a cross or a stained glass window? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a place that feels special to you. It could be a place of worship, or a quiet space in your home or garden where you feel happy and calm.

Extension challenge: Go on a 'Community Walk' with an adult. Look for different buildings in your neighbourhood. Can you spot any special symbols, like a star, a cross, or a dome, that tell us what the building is used for?