

A Visit to Special Places

Learning objective: To identify and understand the purpose of different places of worship.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the words. Answer the questions in the boxes provided.

Today, our friend Ellie the elephant is visiting some special buildings. Ellie wants to learn about places of worship. Many people go to these places to pray and think. A church is a Christian place of worship. It often has a tall tower or a spire. Inside, it is very quiet and peaceful. A mosque is a Muslim place of worship. People often take off their shoes before they go inside. It is a beautiful space for the community to gather. A synagogue is a Jewish place of worship. It is a sacred home for the Torah scrolls. All these places are different, but they have one thing in common. They are all spaces where people feel calm and connected to their beliefs. Ellie likes to sit quietly in these buildings. She thinks it is important to respect these spaces. Whether it is a church, a mosque, or a synagogue, these buildings help people feel part of a community. When we visit, we should always be kind and follow the rules of that place.

Word bank: Worship: Showing love and respect to God. · Community: A group of people who live or work together. · Sacred: A place that is holy and very special. · Quiet: Making very little noise.

1. What does a person often do before they enter a mosque? (2 marks)

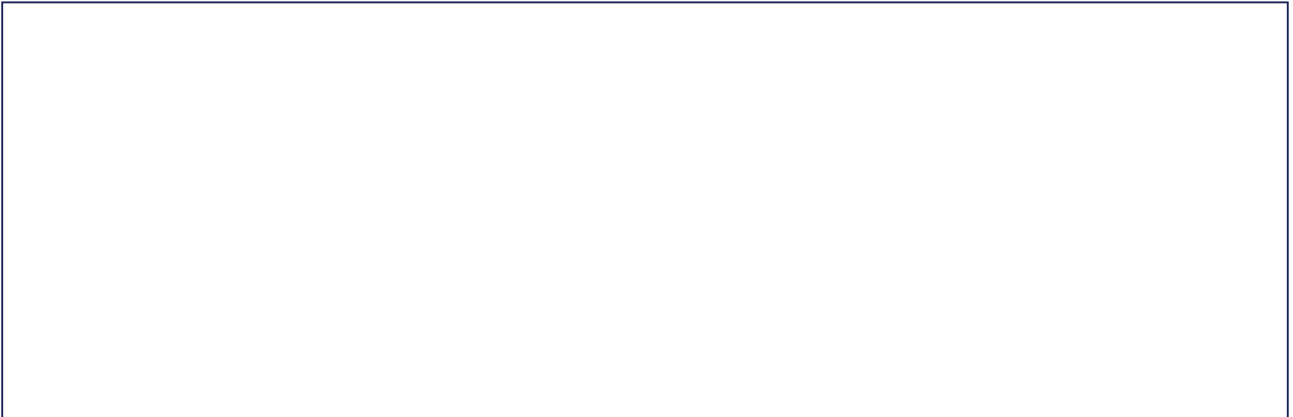
2. Name three different places of worship mentioned in the text. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think people need to be quiet when they are inside a place of worship? (2 marks)

4. How do you think the community feels when they gather at their place of worship? (2 marks)

5. Why is it important to show respect when visiting a place of worship? Give one reason. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a place of worship. Add a label to show what kind of building it is.



Extension challenge: Find out the name of a place of worship in your local town or city. Write down its name and what religion it belongs to.