

Year 5 Religious Education Assessment: Places of Worship

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the features, significance, and communal purpose of various places of worship.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of different religious traditions to provide detailed answers. Remember to use formal vocabulary and provide justifications where requested.

Places of worship serve as the heart of a religious community. While they vary greatly in architectural design and internal layout, they all function as spaces where believers gather to connect with the divine, celebrate rites of passage, and support one another through shared values. Some spaces are designed for silence and reflection, while others are built to accommodate vibrant communal singing and collective prayer.

Word bank: Sanctuary · Community · Ritual · Symbolism · Architecture · Consecrated · Congregation · Deity · Tradition · Spiritual

1. Identify two common features found in most places of worship and explain why these features are significant to the congregation. (2 marks)

2. Max the monkey has noticed that different religions use different symbols in their buildings. Choose one religion and describe how a specific symbol or piece of art (such as a stained glass window or a specific script) helps followers understand their beliefs. (2 marks)

3. Nova the owl is observing how buildings are designed. Compare and contrast the physical layout of a Church and a Mosque. How does the architecture reflect the way people pray in these spaces? (4 marks)

4. Explain why many religious communities believe that their place of worship is 'consecrated' or 'holy' ground. What does this mean for the behaviour of those who enter? (3 marks)

5. Justify why a place of worship is considered important not just for prayer, but for the wider local community (e.g., charity work, social gatherings, or education). (4 marks)

6. What might happen if a religious group did not have a dedicated place of worship? Discuss the potential impact on their community and traditions. (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Imagine you are tasked with designing a new space that welcomes people of all faiths. Describe the key features you would include to promote peace, reflection, and unity. Justify your design choices based on the needs of a diverse community. (7 marks)

Draw: Draw a bird's-eye view of a place of worship of your choice. Label at least four key areas, such as the entrance, the area for prayer, and where communal activities take place.



Extension challenge: Total: /25