



Unit of work:

How and why do Christians worship? What are the benefits for believers?

Year group:

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Prior learning:

- Christians worship in a church
- Children should recognise many symbols linked to Christianity
- Christians have special services in church to celebrate Easter and Christmas

RE Skills to develop

- I can discuss my own and other’s spiritual experiences and find connections between communities.
- I can discuss nature of religion and compare the main disciplines which we have studied.
- I can discuss issues about community cohesion and demonstrate understanding of different views.

Knowledge/skills

What is worship?

Christian worship involves praising God in music and speech, readings from scripture, prayers of various sorts, a sermon, and various holy ceremonies (often called sacraments) such as the Eucharist.

While worship is often thought of only as services in which Christians come together in a group, individual Christians can worship God on their own, and in any place.

Christian worship grew out of Jewish worship. Jesus Christ was a religious Jew who attended the synagogue and celebrated Jewish festivals, and his disciples were familiar with Jewish ritual and tradition.

The first obvious divergence from Judaism was making Sunday the holy day instead of Saturday. By doing this the day of Christian worship is the same as the day that Jesus rose from the dead.

Jesus's promise to stay with his followers, fulfilled in the sending of the Holy Spirit, illuminated the development of Christian worship from early times.

What is Humanism?

Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion.

They do not follow a holy book either. Instead, Humanists value traits like reason and rely on science to explain the way things are.

Humanists believe that people have one life to live - there is no afterlife. As a result they focus on being happy and making the most of their life. They also believe they have a duty to support others.

Vocabulary and definitions

Word	Definition
5 Fingers	Christianity, Christian, Bible, Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, Church
Worship	Love or devotion shown to a being or an object considered sacred.
Prayer	A form of worship that praises, requests or gives thanks to God or some other holy thing.
Community	A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic or interest in common
Denomination	A religious group that has slightly different beliefs from other groups that share the same religion.
Ceremony	A formal religious or public occasion, done in a particular way, to celebrate a particular event, achievement or anniversary.
Humanism	A belief system based on the principle that people’s spiritual and emotional needs can be satisfied without following a god or religion.

Artefacts and symbols



The Bible



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