

**RE Focus:**

What can we learn about Christianity from visiting a church?

**Year 1**

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## Key Vocabulary

## Important Facts

**Bible:** The special book for Christians, which contains stories, prayers and teachings for Christians to learn and follow

**Church:** A special place for Christians to go to and worship God with other Christians.

**Christians:** Somebody who follows the religion Christianity.

**Jesus:** God's son, who was sent down to Earth to lead Christians and show them how to live good lives.

**Other key words:**

Priest/Vicar

Cross

Pray



The special place of worship for Christians is called a **church**.



Christians meet together on **Sundays** and sometimes at other times of the week. They pray together, read the **Bible**, learn about **God** and sing hymns

**Weddings** are often celebrated in churches. The **priest or vicar** conducts the ceremony.



**Baptisms** happen in churches. This is when people are welcomed into the church and begin their journey of faith.



**A cross** - This reminds people that Jesus died on a cross. Some churches are even built in the shape of a cross.

**A bell tower** - The bell used to be rung to remind people it was time to go to church.



**Stained glass windows** - These often show pictures of Bible stories.



**Pew** - The benches where people sit.

**Altar** - The table used during church services such as the Eucharist.



**Organ** - An instrument used to play hymns.



**Font** - A basin used for baptisms.



**Candle** - They are lit to represent God's love.



**Lectern** - A stand that someone might read from.



**Pulpit** - A raised part of the church for the priest or reverend to talk to the people.