

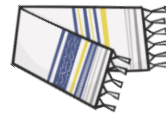
In what ways are churches and synagogues important to believers?

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Key Knowledge – The Synagogue



- Jewish people go to the synagogue to worship but also to study. Many synagogues are also community centres where local Jewish people can meet and take part in different activities and events.
- A synagogue is a house of prayer where Jewish people can get together to feel closer to God, and each other.
- The services are led by a rabbi or a worshipper.
- During the service everyone, except women who aren't married, must wear a hat to show respect to God; this is called a kippah.
- Adult men wear a prayer shawl for morning prayer which has fringes along the edge to remind the worshipper to follow God's way.




Key Knowledge – The Church

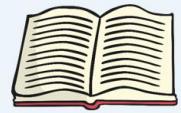


- Christian churches hold services of worship every Sunday. There are usually other events happening at churches throughout the week such as bible studies, social events and prayer nights.
- Christians go to church to praise God together as a group, and to build friendships with other Christians (called fellowship) and learn from the Bible together.
- During a Sunday service, the congregation will usually sing hymns and songs together as a way of worshipping God, and listen to Bible teaching and readings together.


Important Features of a Jewish Synagogue




Ark
The Ark is a cupboard in which the Torah scrolls are kept.



Siddur
This is the main prayer book.



Torah Scrolls
The scrolls contain the words of the Hebrew Bible.



The Eternal Light
This hangs above the Ark and is always burning to remind everyone that God is always with them.

Vocabulary

Church: A special place where Christians go to worship and be close to God.

Synagogue: A special place where Jews go to worship and be close to God.

Holy: Something very special to religious people often linked to worshipping God.

Sacred: believed to be holy and special to God.

Worship: to give praise and love to God.

Things you might find in a church.



Altar: The table at the very front of the church which holds the bread and wine.

Cross: This is the symbol of Christianity because Jesus died on a cross.



Candle: Candles are common in churches as they represent Jesus as the light of the world.

Organ: An instrument played to accompany traditional hymns.



Font: This is where part of the Baptism service takes place. The font holds Holy water.