

Week commencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020



## R.E. How do people express their faith?



*I can compare rituals and ceremonies from different places of worship*

*I can discuss sensitively why certain artefacts and symbols are special for people of worship*

*I can suggest reasons for different styles of worship within and/or between faiths*

Take a look at the pictures on the following slide.

Do you know who would use these and why?

Are they all from the same religion?



They are symbols and artefacts from Hinduism and Christianity.

Can you remember which country (from those we have 'visited') has Hinduism as their main religion?



Which country (from those we have 'visited') has Catholicism as their main religion?



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Can you remember which country has Hinduism as their main religion?

India



Which country has Catholicism as their main religion?

Brazil



We are going to take a closer look at these religions how how their followers might worship.

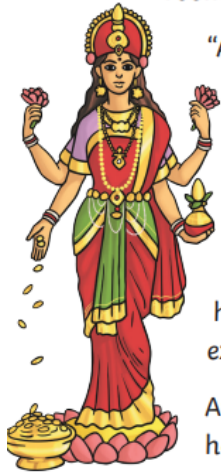
We will look at symbols and explore the importance and meaning of them to those of faith.

Task 1. You are going to create a 'To-do list' that you would follow if you were preparing to celebrate Diwali.

Read the story to see what a person of that faith would do to prepare for the festivities!

## Celebrating Diwali

With one final sweep of his broom, Vihaan looked around him to see that the room was looking much cleaner and tidier.



"Anika, how are you getting on in the kitchen?" he called through to his sister.

"Almost done," she replied, "I think we are almost ready for the celebrations to begin. Why do we have to do all this cleaning though? It's only going to be untidy again after Diwali!"

"It's important that we clean the dust and darkness from the house so we can welcome the new year and a new start," Vihaan explained.

At that moment, Mum came in and told Vihaan and Anika to head to bed as they'd have to be up early in the morning ready to exchange gifts and welcome the Goddess Lakshmi into their home. While they finished the cleaning, she had been busy decorating the house and garden with coloured rice called Rangoli patterns.

### Diwali To-Do List

- Clean the house
- Buy gifts to exchange
- Decorate front door with Rangoli pattern

Etc...

Task 2. Can you match the symbols to their meaning? (see the example layout and answers on the on the next slides).

## Hinduism - Symbols of Diwali

Symbol or artefact

Diya lamp, Rangoli pattern in front of the door, fireworks, story of Rama and Sita, sweets (Mithai), giving of gifts, coins.



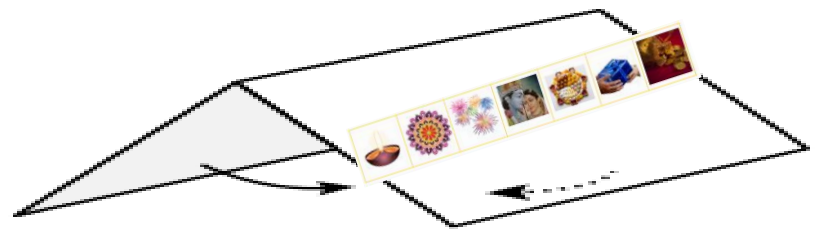
Meaning	
Bring good luck and symbolise prosperity (wealth).	A story of good versus evil and light versus dark.
A colourful celebration of light defeating darkness.	An offering to the gods. Sweets symbolise the joy of celebrating the festival.
Welcomes others and Goddess Lakshmi into homes. Be present in the moment - mindfulness.	Light defeating darkness. It symbolises hope.
People give gifts to show their respect, good Diwali wishes, blessings, love and appreciation.	





Diya lamp						
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Light defeating darkness. Hope.						
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Once you have completed matching the information, create a flap with coloured paper. The symbols will go on top and the information inside.

# Answers

## Hinduism - Symbols of Diwali

Symbol or artefact	Meaning
Diya lamp	Light defeating darkness. It symbolises hope.
Rangoli pattern in front of door	To welcome to others. Bring in the Goddess Lakshmi into homes. Be present in the moment - mindfulness. Keep away evil spirits.
Fireworks	A colourful celebration of light defeating darkness.
The story of Rama and Sita	A story of good versus evil and light versus dark.
Sweets (Mithai)	An offering to the gods. Sweets symbolise the joy of celebrating the festival.
Giving of gifts	People give gifts to show their respect, good Diwali wishes, blessings, love and appreciation.
Coins	Bring good luck and symbolise prosperity (wealth).

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas in Brazil



# Celebrating Christmas

Task 1. You are going to create a 'To-do list' that you would follow if you were preparing to celebrate Christmas in Brazil.

Read the information provided to see what a person of that faith would do to prepare for the festivities!

## Christmas in Brazil

Carolling - "Noite Feliz" ("Silent Night") is a popular song in Brazil.

On Christmas Eve, thousands of devout Catholics attend the "Missa do Galo" or Midnight Mass. After the Missa do Galo, there are often big firework displays and in large towns and cities there are huge Christmas tree shaped displays of electric lights.

People re-create the Nativity or Presepio in their homes and churches. This tradition dates back to Saint Francis of Assisi, who is credited with creating the first live nativity scene in 1223 as a way to make public worship of Jesus part of the Christmas season. The recreation of the birth of Christ, featuring people dressed as Mary, Joseph and the shepherds, was meant to bring the Bible to life for a population of believers who were not literate. Now people use figures and other props. Typically, the manger is kept empty and only filled with the baby Jesus on Christmas Day.

Sometimes children leave a sock near a window. If Papai Noel finds your sock, he'll exchange it for a present! Taking part in a 'Secret Santa', known as 'amigo secreto' (secret friend) is popular in Brazil at Christmas. It is traditional to give small gifts all through December using a pretend name (apelidos). On Christmas day, people reveal who their amigo secreto was!

Christmas plays called 'Os Pastores' (The Shepherds) are popular.

The food eaten in Brazil (especially in the south) during Christmas came from Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and other countries. The traditional Christmas dinner here includes roasted turkey, vegetables and fruits. A German "Stollen" or an Italian "Panetone" often find their way to a Christmas feast held in the southern parts of the country. A huge Christmas dinner menu includes turkey, ham, colored rice, and wonderful fresh vegetable and fruit dishes. The less fortunate have rice with chicken or with beans.

## Christmas To-Do List

- Go carolling
- Attend Midnight Mass
- Etc...

## Task 2 - Can you match the symbols to their meaning?

Symbol or artefact
Candles and stars, a wreath, candy canes, giving of gifts, ringing of bells, Christmas tree, Presepio (Nativity scene).



Meaning	
To announce the birth of Jesus	Symbol of the shepherd's cane - Jesus was a shepherd, who looked after his 'flock' of Christians
A nativity scene centred around Jesus on his bed of straw.	Symbolise the Star of Bethlehem, which led the wise men and shepherds to where Jesus was born.
A circular, never-ending symbol of eternal love and rebirth	The three wise men brought gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh to the baby Jesus
This very ancient custom symbolises the value of life. In winter, evergreen trees are a sign of undying life.	

Present your work as for the Hindu symbols of Diwali.

# Answers

## Christianity - Symbols of Christmas

Symbol or artefact	Meaning
Candles/stars/lights	Symbolise the Star of Bethlehem, which led the wise men and shepherds to where Jesus was born.
Wreath	A circular, never-ending symbol of eternal love and rebirth
Candy canes	Symbol of the shepherd's cane - Jesus was a shepherd, who looked after his 'flock' of Christians
Giving of gifts	The three wise men brought gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh to the baby Jesus
Ringling of bells	To announce the birth of Jesus
Christmas tree	The Christmas tree a symbol of Christ. This very ancient custom symbolises the value of life. In winter, evergreen trees are a sign of undying life.
Presepio - nativity scene	A nativity scene centred around Jesus on his bed of straw.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

What does the word worship  
mean?

How do people of faith worship?

*What does the word worship mean?*

Worship is an act of religious **devotion** usually directed towards a god or goddess. For many, worship is not about an emotion, it is more about a **recognition** of God. An act of worship may be performed individually, in an informal or formal group, or by a designated leader.



# Styles of Worship

Hinduism

How do Hindus worship?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyw5EJRKEXU>

# Styles of Worship

Christianity

How do Catholics worship?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zh4f3k7/video>

# Task 1 - Read through the booklet/information and answer the questions about how Hindus and Christians worship.

## Hindu Worship

Hindu worship is known as puja.



A shrine to Ganesh

### Individual rather than communal

Hindu worship is mainly an individual act rather than a communal one, as it involves making personal offerings to a god or goddess. Worshippers repeat the names of their favourite gods and goddesses, and repeat mantras. Offerings include water, fruit, flowers and incense.

### Worship at home

The majority of Hindu homes have a shrine where offerings are made and prayers are said. A shrine can be anything: a room, a small altar or simply pictures or statues of gods or goddesses. Family members often worship together. Rituals should be performed three times a day.

Mantra - a word, phrase or sound that is repeated when praying.

## Christian 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.

### Origins

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 big change 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.

Did you notice any similarities and differences between Christian and Hindu styles of worship?

*Did you notice any similarities and differences between how Christians and Hindus express their faith?*

Similarities	Differences
<p><u>How they worship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Both religions express faith through communities celebrating together at special times of the year (e.g. Christmas, Diwali)</li><li>• People feel like they belong, are joyful and happy when they celebrate together.</li><li>• Both say prayers .</li></ul>	<p><u>Who they worship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christians worship God and Jesus and Mary.</li><li>• Hindus worship many different gods and goddesses.</li></ul> <p><u>Where they worship...</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hindus do most of their worship at home but go to temples for special occasions. They have a shrine and/or images of their Gods, which they give offerings to.</li><li>• Christians can worship anywhere through song and prayer or go to church every Sunday to worship.</li></ul> <p><u>How they worship...</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hindus worship by making offerings at shrines.</li><li>• Christians worship through song.</li></ul>



# Curriculum

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Jigsaw - Celebrating Difference- Week 1

LO: I understand that cultural differences sometimes cause conflict.

SEAL : To be aware of my own culture.



# Jigsaw - Celebrating Difference- Week 1

How does it feel to be part of a group?

What groups do you belong to?

Is there ever any conflict between different groups in school?





# Jigsaw - Celebrating Difference- Week 1

We are all different and belong to different groups.

We all need to belong and need to celebrate our uniqueness and specialness, as well as our similarities and differences.

Sometimes, people allow differences to cause conflict.

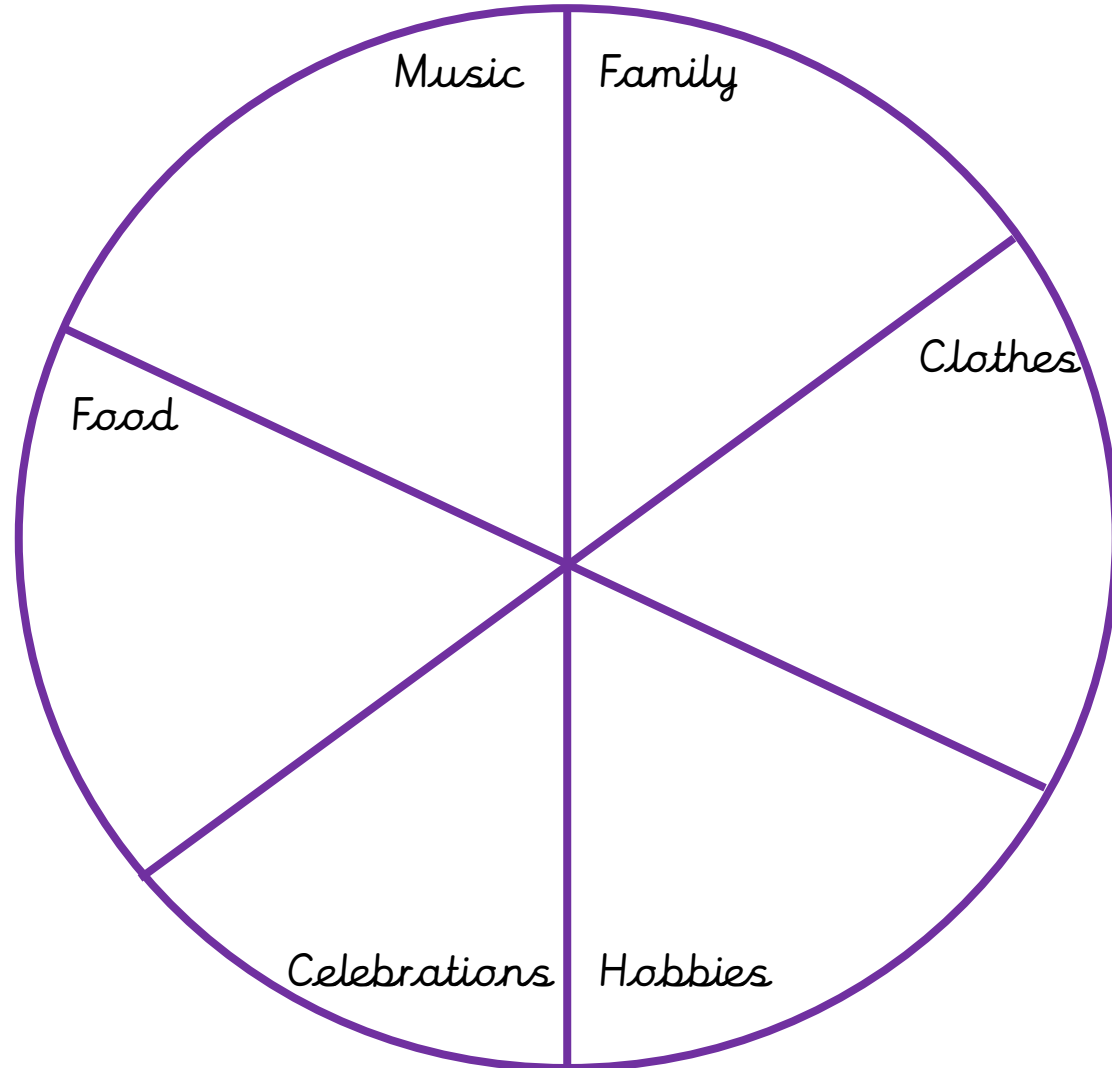


# Jigsaw - Celebrating Difference- Week 1



## Task 1 . Culture Wheel

You are going to complete a culture wheel template by writing words in each section that describes the things that the you feel describes your culture best.



# Jigsaw - Celebrating Difference- Week 1



Think about situations where differences have led to conflicts.

Sometimes people have conflicts with people from other cultures because they are unfamiliar to them and appear to be different. That can make some people feel uncomfortable. However, rather than allowing that to create a conflict, the person could ask a question and use the difference in culture as a learning experience, which will bring people closer together.

Take a look at this scenario -

“One child tells another child at lunchtime that their food smells disgusting.”

Can you think of a way that situation could be reframed to turn the possible conflict into a learning moment?

# Jigsaw - Celebrating Difference- Week 1



*“One child tells another child at lunchtime that their food smells disgusting.”*

*The child could have done these things instead:*

- The child could ask what he is eating.*
- Maybe they could say that it has a strong smell and ask what is in it?*

*This would help to avoid conflict has and improve the situation because the children are finding out about each other rather than highlighting their differences.*

# Jigsaw - Celebrating Difference- Week 1

Now have a look at these other scenarios where conflict could happen. What could the child do differently to avoid conflict?

- A child gets called names for wearing a turban or another religious item.
- A child tells another child that their religion is wrong.
- A child makes fun of a new child because they speak a different language.
- A child says it is not normal to have two mums.



## Reflect

LO: I understand that cultural differences sometimes cause conflict.

SEAL : To be aware of my own culture.

Do you understand how not knowing about cultural differences can lead to conflict and that we can find out about these differences to help avoid conflict?

