


Key Stage One

Unit B: Symbols of Belonging

FOCUS: Christian and Sikh

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This is the time allocated to this unit as it stands. This can increase if you want to spend longer looking at religious symbols in lessons 3 and 4.

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What do the children bring to the unit? As part of the syllabus children in KS1 need to cover Christianity and one other religion. This unit covers Christianity and Sikhism as the chosen religions. These lessons can be edited to focus on the religions your school has chosen.

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Within the agreed syllabus there are key questions for each Key Stage that should be covered though the units.

This unit covers
 What are symbols?
 Why are symbols important in life?
 What religious symbols do people use?

See the next slide for the syllabus



Key Stage 1

- What are the questions that puzzle us?
- How do religious and non-religious people begin to answer these questions?
- Why is respect important for everyone?
- How can we be more inclusive of people of different races, genders and religion and beliefs?
- What do religious people believe about God?
- How is God shown in the stories of creation?
- What responsibilities do people have for the world?
- What are symbols?
- Why are symbols important in life?
- What religious symbols do people use?
- Why are Scriptures important for religious people?
- What can different religious people learn from stories?
- Why can buildings be special to people?
- What do religious buildings look like in Telford and Wrekin?
- How are religious buildings used?
- Why are religious buildings important to believers?

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Link to Key and British values which this unit covers.

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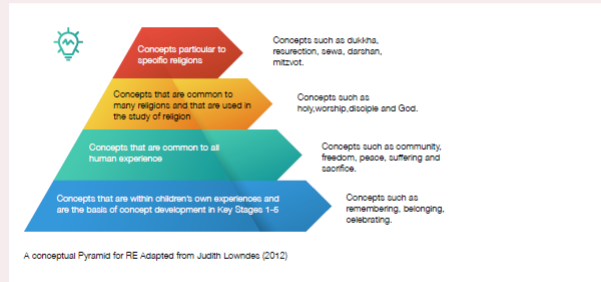
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This links to the agreed syllabus concept stages. The key vocabulary from this unit is linked in here.

Concepts

Concepts can be seen to be the 'golden thread' which weaves through all of the units. This is an integral part of RE learning. In a constructivist approach to RE it is important to base pupils' progress of knowledge and skills that are in their own experience. This approach is highlighted by Judith Lowndes (2012) in her conceptual pyramid which is illustrated in an adapted form below:



If pupils are able to make links with their own experiences they will be able to engage in deeper learning and see the relevance of what they are learning. RE is not about cultures and practices that are alien; rather it is about beliefs and practices of people who are, or will be, encountered in pupils' everyday experiences. If it is possible to make links with pupils' own experiences then RE can begin with a shared concern or life experience and then explore differences.

As found in the syllabus these concepts build on knowledge and work towards children having an understanding of specific religious concepts. In this case the symbolism of each religious symbol.

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See next page for where these stands have come from.

A: Know about and understand

KEY STAGE 1

Recognise some different symbols and actions which express a community's way of life

Recognise similarities between communities

KEY STAGE 2

Describe a range of beliefs, symbols and actions

Understand different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning

KEY STAGE 3

Explain how individuals and communities express the meanings of their beliefs and values in many different forms and ways of living

Explain why individuals and communities express the meanings of their beliefs and values in many different forms and ways of living

Enquire critically into the variety, differences and relationships that exist within and between beliefs, values and ways of living

B: Express and Communicate

Express with increasing discernment their personal reflections and critical responses to questions and teachings about identity, diversity, meaning and value.

KEY STAGE 1

Observe and recount different ways of expressing identity and belonging

Respond sensitively for themselves

KEY STAGE 2

Suggest why belonging to a community may be valuable, in their own lives

Suggest why belonging to a community may be invaluable in their own lives

KEY STAGE 3

Explain a wide range of ways in which commitment and identity are expressed

Evaluate and analyse controversies about commitment to religions and worldviews

Account for the impact of diversity within and between communities

Interpret a wide range of ways in which commitment and identity are expressed

C: Gain and deploy skills

Find out about and investigate key concepts and questions of belonging, meaning, purpose and truth, responding creatively

KEY STAGE 1

Explore questions about belonging, meaning and truth

Express their own ideas and opinions in response using words, music, art or poetry

KEY STAGE 2

Discuss and present their own and others' views on challenging questions about belonging, meaning, purpose and truth

Discuss and present their own views on challenging questions about belonging, meaning, purpose and truth

Apply ideas of their own thoughtfully in different forms including (e.g.) reasoning, music, art and poetry

KEY STAGE 3

Explore some of the ultimate questions that are raised by human life in ways that are well-informed

Give reasoned personal responses to ultimate questions

Express insights that draw on a wide range of examples including the arts, media and philosophy

These are the resources that you will need for this unit for the lessons.

There will be a directory from the MDT which will be freely available for you to access which will have the symbols you can use in.

Cross curricular links where this unit fits in with other subjects

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Learning Intention: To identify symbols of celebrations.

Starter Recap – What symbols did we talk about last lesson? Show a selection of the symbols and briefly discuss meaning.

Main

Talk to your partner - What events do we celebrate annually? Take feedback from the children expecting answers such as Birthday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Halloween, Pancake day (Shrove Tuesday), Christmas. Depending on religious studied/religious diversity of your class you may get other religious celebrations e.g. Eid, Diwali, Hanukkah etc.

How do we celebrate a birthday? What symbols might represent that?

Show a picture of a birthday cake with candles - is it just a cake or is a symbol of your birthday? Think about the number of candles which represent age. You do not have elaborate cakes every day.

Adult to share some important things from a special day to them in groups. EG

Christmas

- Cards
- photo of family having dinner.
- Present
- Balloon
- Cake
- Carols

Activity

Set up different tables for different celebrations in your classroom with objects/symbols related to that celebration. Children to work as a group and be given a set time to discuss the objects, what they symbolise and what they think the celebration is.

TALKING LESSON - record by talking and taking photos of the learning and post it's of children's quotes.

Marking for Success – Children to choose a symbol and explain its significance to them – what it helps them to remember.

Plenary – after task.

How much does each item cost?

Establish symbols do not need to be expensive to be meaningful. Actually, the things that have the most value may not cost money.

Learning Intention: To explore Christian Symbols

Introduce a religious metaphor through reading a biblical passage such as 'The Lord is my Shepherd' (Psalm 23). Ask: is God like a shepherd? How? Are we like sheep? How?

Read and suggest meanings for a Bible story like David and Goliath or Daniel and the Lions. What do these stories mean? Do we all 'face giants' in some ways? Can prayer help us when we are in danger? What else helps?

Look at images of a Crucifix and discuss that it is a very important symbol in Christianity. Why might that be? Discuss links with Easter (Salvation)

Activity

Chn to give own viewpoints on what they believe each symbol might represent.

Crucifix- Jesus' victory over sin/death

Dove- symbol of peace

Crown of thorns- symbol of Jesus giving his life for us.

Candle- symbol of light

Plenary

Discuss what the chn thought the symbols stood for. Discuss what each symbol represents. Discuss that people of faith sometimes use symbols as reminders of certain things. Do we have any symbols in school which remind us of something?

Learning Intention: To explore Sikh Symbols

Starter

Show chn the crucifix image from last lesson. Can you remember what it is a symbol of? Now share an image of Ik Onkar. Discuss that Sikhism started with a big focus on One God and that that is what this symbol means. Have you seen it before?

Show the children some Sikh symbols – either pictures of or physical symbols if available. Children can work in groups to discuss the meanings they think they hold or can be given the meanings for the children to them match up with the symbol.

Activity

Chn to match the symbols with their meanings or discuss meanings orally.

Kara- A circle with no beginning and no end; it is a symbol for God.

Ik Onkar- One God

Kirpan (Sword/dagger)- Defence of the weak; fight for the good

Remind chn that the SKs are symbols of baptised Sikhs and there is no expectation for other Sikhs to imbibe those. Sikhs prefer for children not to be baptised and it is mostly adults who can decide whether they want to be baptised or not.

Plenary

Recap on the symbols learnt today and compare to some of the Christian symbols. What is similar? What is different?

Learning Intention To explain the importance of symbols.

Starter On a post it notes draw or write something that is important to you – keep this private from your partners as we will share this all together in a minute. It could be friends, family, pet, toy, and activity like football.

Main

What is important to you? Turn to your Partner and discuss the things that are important you can now show and share post it notes.

Take feedback from children. As children to share their post it notes begin to group them into family, friends, objects etc and establish that everyone thinks different things are important to them, but some things may be similar.

Once complete ask children who have picked family (If you have this option – link to your feedback from the children could be you have different groups) why it is important to them. Expect some similar answers as to why they picked different things.

We have discussed and explored the symbols of Sikhism and Christianity but why are they important to those religions?

Show symbol of the cross.

What does this represent? Why is this important for Christians to remember? This is what it means to the religion and why people of that religion use the symbol.

Repeat with symbols used in previous lessons and ask children why they are important.

Task

WT - Children to have pictures of the Christian symbols and Sikhism symbols and what they represent and why they are important.

ARE/GD - Children to have pictures of the Christian symbols and Sikhism symbols and what they represent and why they are important.

ARE- Supported GD – Independent

Learning Intention: To reflect on what I have learnt about the importance of symbols.

Starter

Turn to your partner – Just a minute.

Time one minute for partner 1 to tell partner 2 everything they know about symbols now. Repeat with partner 2 now talking.

Main

Display a variety of symbols that have been taught over the unit on the board. Ask children to share knowledge of what they now know picking a symbol from the board and showing their knowledge. This may spark discussions from within the unit. Allow children to discuss ideas as they may well have differing opinions on symbolism and their importance within religion.

Discuss the following as a class before task.

- What symbols are
- Why are they important?
- What Christian symbols do you know?
- What Sikh symbols do you know?
- What does symbolism mean to you?

Activity

All groups

Using a different coloured pen go back to the mind map that was created in lesson one and add to it all the knowledge that the children now have about religious symbols. Use questions above to help children with their pre-existing knowledge.

Next steps/impact

This will be built on as children continue into KS2 through their learning of other religions.

Holy Books words which are special Yr 2

What can we learn from visiting sacred places? Yr 4

Keeping the 5 Pillars of Islam Yr4

What can we learn about religions and temptation Yr 5

What values matter most Yr5

Words of wisdom from Sikh's, Muslims, and Christians – Yr 6

Expressing spiritual ideas and beliefs about God through the arts Yr6

Finally included in the next steps and the units that will build on knowledge and skills from this unit as they continue through Key Stage Two.