Expressing

Year: 5 Term: 3

Key question: If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?

There are some differences between Anglican and Baptist churches; mandir; differences between an Orthodox and a Reform synagogue.

- The duty of pilgrimage in Hinduism is seen as a wider part of worship. This concerns the need for Hindus to be seen by the deity worshipping at a particular shrine. Does this mean that God is concentrated more intensely in particular places?
- There are places where people might say or feel God is somehow more 'present'? What is special about these places?
- A definition of a synagogue is: 'house of assembly' (a place to get together), also called 'schul' = school (a place to learn). Answer the key question in light of these definitions.
- Some Christians like to go to church to meet with God, while some meet in a school or in a home; e.g. being part of the community, being part of the 'body of Christ'. They give mutual support through prayer and encouragement. Some people like to have music, others prefer meditation, silence, simplicity, nature; some people don't like institutions, hierarchies, or crowds!. Why do Christians worship in different ways?
- There are many Christians, Hindus and Jewish people who see themselves as members of the communities but don't attend places of worship.

Vocabulary	
worship	Giving someone the honour they are worth.
community	A group of people living in a particular area. can be made up of a large or small group of people.
Mandir	Mandirs are centres for the Hindu community and worship
Reform synagogue	A synagogue where men and women are now seated together.
meditation	The art of focusing on something (such as a picture, a sound, an object of the imagination, or one's own breathing) to encourage attention and awareness, as well as achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm, stable state.
pilgrimage	A sacred journey, undertaken for a spiritual purpose.
institution	A social structure in which people cooperate and which influences the behaviour of people and the way they live.
Orthodox Jew	Jews who still follow all the religion's traditional laws and customs
hierarchies	A system of organizing people into different ranks or levels of importance.

Key Questions:

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Mandir



Synagogue



Church