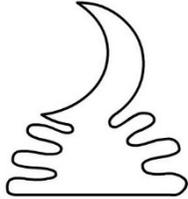


Significant places, buildings and worship symbols of different religions

Most religions have certain places that have a special meaning to its followers. People also worship in different types of buildings according to their religion and they have their own symbols or marks that they display to show people where their religion is being practised.

In this table we see the places, buildings and worship symbols of different religions.

Religion	Holy Places	Building where worship happens	Symbols
<p>CHRISTIANITY</p> 	<p>Jerusalem - where Jesus preached, was crucified and rose from the dead. Bethlehem - where Jesus was born. Lourdes - a place where St Bernadette had visions of Jesus' mother, Mary. Rome - home of the Roman Catholic church.</p>	<p>Church</p> 	<p>+</p> <p>This is a reminder that Jesus died on the cross to save people from being punished when they die for their wrong doings on earth.</p>
<p>ISLAM</p> 	<p>Mecca - birthplace of the prophet Muhammad. Medina - where Muhammad developed the Muslim community and where he was put in a tomb when he died. Jerusalem - where Muhammad was believed to have a miraculous experience, being lifted to Heaven to receive very important messages for the people.</p>	<p>Mosque</p> 	<p>The crescent moon represents progress and certain times, seasons, fasts and feasts that Muslims recognise. The star has five points which represent five important parts of Muslim beliefs about Allah, prayer, giving, fasting and travelling to Mecca.</p> 

<p>TRADITIONAL AFRICAN RELIGION</p> 	<p>Places where ancestors are buried or where ancestral spirits are thought to be present. For example, the Sacred Caves of the Basotho in South Africa and Lesotho.</p> 	<p>Worship can take place in personal huts, village shrines, places where chiefs have died and natural places such as trees, hills, waterfalls and streams.</p> <p>Healing hut in South Africa with traditional healer.</p> 	<p>Many symbols are used to tell stories, provide information and reminders or lessons. For example, this is a symbol from West Africa is the war horn and reminds people to be prepared and ready for whatever comes.</p> 
<p>HINDUISM</p> <p>Hindu god Ganesh</p> 	<p>There are many Holy Places in India - cities, temples, fairs and burial places.</p> <p>The most important city is Varanasi along the Ganges River, which is where the Hindu religion comes from.</p> 	<p>Madir</p> <p>Most Hindus have shrines with statues of gods or goddesses, at home where they worship every day. The Hindu Temple is called a Madir and this is where people gather to worship at the weekend.</p> 	 <p>This is the holy sound symbol that sounds like "Om". It represents the universe and God in three aspects - Brahman, Vishnu and Shiva.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">BUDDHISM</p> 	<p>Stupa - this is where the living presence of Buddha exists with protective powers and where rituals and ceremonies happen. The most famous stupa is The Great Stupa at Sanchi and is one of the oldest buildings in India.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Buddhist Temple</p> <p>The temple represents the pure space of Buddha. Buddhists also worship at home. They sit on a floor, barefoot facing an image of Buddha and chanting.</p> 	<p>Buddhism has three main symbols:</p> <p>Wheel of Life</p>   <p>The Lotus Flower Image of Buddha</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">JUDAISM</p> 	<p>The Temple Mount is the holiest place where Jews turn to in prayer and it is found in Jerusalem.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Synagogue</p> <p>The synagogue is a place of worship and study and a place where Jewish people gather.</p> 	 <p>The Star of David represents the shield of King David that protected him from his enemies.</p>

Questions

1. a. Buddhist people worship in a _____ (1 mark)

b. What is one of the oldest buildings in India?

_____ (1 mark)

2. What are four holy places in the world that Christians might want to travel to?

_____ (1/2 mark)

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3. Which caves in South Africa are very important to followers of Traditional African Religions?

_____ (1 mark)

4. What sound represents the universe in Hinduism?

_____ (1 mark)

5.

a. Which religion uses the Star of David as a symbol?

_____ (1 mark)

b. Draw the Star of David below:

6. What does the crescent moon represent in the symbol of Islam?

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