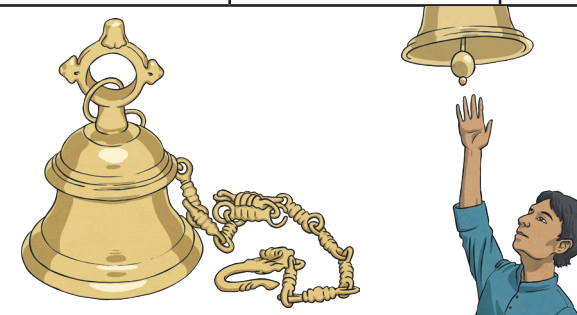


Key Vocabulary	
worship	The feeling or act of showing respect, loyalty or love.
worth	Having a particular value.
Christians	Followers of the religion of Christianity.
Hindus	Followers of the religion of Hinduism.
puja	The Hindu act of worship .
gurdwara	A Sikh place of worship .
Sikhs	Followers of the religion of Sikhism.

Acts of Worship
<p>Worship can take many forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • singing • dancing • praying • helping others • meditating • giving <p>but religious believers believe that true worship comes from the heart.</p>



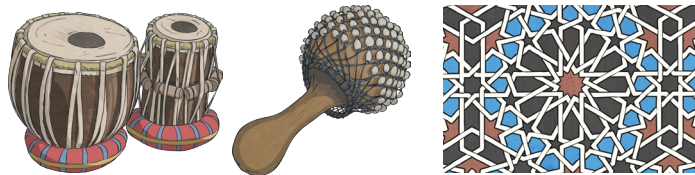
Christianity	Hinduism	Sikhism
<p>Christians believe that they should put God first. The first of the Ten Commandments (a list of rules revealed by God), said worship no other Gods but me.</p>	<p>Hindus ring a bell at the start of puja to tell the gods that they are there.</p>	<p>Sikhs gather in the gurdwara to worship together. These gatherings include hymns, singing, prayers and meditation.</p>
<p>Christians come together to worship in church.</p>	<p>During puja, prayers are said and offerings are made. Puja can take place in the home or a temple.</p>	<p>The aim of Sikh worship is to give praise to god.</p>



For religious believers, the aim of **worship** is to show that god has more **worth** than anything or anyone else. Religious freedom is the right to chose what you believe and which religion to follow.

Key Vocabulary

artefacts	A religious artefact is an object that has a special significance within a religion.
call to prayer	This is sung five times a day to remind Muslims to pray.
Qur'an	The holy book of Islam .
Islam	One of the main world religions. Its followers are Muslims.
synagogue	The name of the building where Jews worship.
Buddhists	Followers of the religion of Buddhism.
Jews	Followers of the religion of Judaism.



Artefacts

Special **artefacts** can be found in many religions. They can be used as part of **worship**, or as a symbol of a person's religion. They can also be used as a focus for personal or group reflection. Religious **artefacts** are treated with respect by believers. There may be special rules about where they are stored or how they are treated.



Music

Different religions use music in their **worship**. **Islam** uses music for the **call to prayer** and the reciting of the **Qur'an**. **Christians** and **Hindus** sing and use musical instruments in **worship**. Most of the service in a **synagogue** is chanted or sung. The reading of the Torah (the Jewish holy book) is chanted. **Buddhists** also chant religious texts.

Prayer

For religious believers, praying is a way of talking to god. People pray in different ways:

- together;
- on their own;
- saying a known prayer;
- praying with their own words.

A special prayer for **Christians** is The Lord's Prayer. A special prayer for **Jews** is the Shema.

Art

Religious believers can use art as a form of **worship**. Artists represent through art, how their faith inspires them or their emotions about religion. Prayer mats, statues and paintings are examples of religious art. In some religions, the shapes and colours chosen for art are symbolic.