

Christian denominations		Worship at the Synagogue
Catholic church	The Roman Catholic Church, the branch of the Church that has the Pope as its leader.	On a Saturday morning, Jewish people go to the synagogue to worship together. Orthodox Jews have to walk there. When they arrive, people wish each other Shabbat Shalom – good Shabbat. Married women will cover their hair to enter the synagogue and boys and men will wear a Kippah. The Rabbi will read a sedra (passage from the Torah). In Orthodox synagogues it is read in Hebrew- the traditional language of worship.
Protestant church	The part of the Western Christian Church that separated from the Roman Catholic Church in the 16 th century.	
Orthodox church	The branch of the Church that separated from the Catholic Church about 1000 years ago. It includes the Russian and Greek Churches.	

Worship at the church

Christians visit the Church to worship. This is usually for a Sunday service. The priest or minister will read from the Bible and the congregation – people that have gathered to worship God – will sing hymns. People dress moderately to go to worship at the Church to show respect that it is a place of worship. At all Church services, people pray to God, but churches differ. In some the atmosphere may be lively with loud music and in others solemn with traditional hymns.

Pilgrimage

Christianity	Many Christians believe that Jesus' mother appeared to a young girl in Lourdes in France in 1858. Christians go on pilgrimage there.
Hinduism	When they are older, Hindus will try to make a pilgrimage – this is called yatra. On this pilgrimage, Hindus may bathe in a holy river – such as the River Ganges - , visit Mandirs or seek spiritual advice from holy people. Hindus also make mountain pilgrimages.

Key vocabulary	
Cathedral	The main church of a district, under the care of a bishop.
Shrine	The central, most sacred part of a Mandir, which houses the statues. Hindus shrines are also found in homes or outdoors.
arti	A welcoming ceremony in which the priest offers the sacred image pure items, such as incense, a lamp and flowers.
rituals	A series of actions that are always performed in the same way, especially as part of a religious ceremony.
denominations	A recognised autonomous branch of the Christian Church.
pilgrimage	A journey to a holy place for religious reasons.
prashad	Food that is offered to the deities and then shared after worship.
hymn	A religious song or poem of praise to God or a god.
preach	To give a religious talk in church or another public place.