

Hyde Park Junior School – Religious Education

Topic: Islam, Christianity, and Hinduism

Year: 3

Strand: Expressing

Enquiry Question: Why do people pray?

Overview

Children will explore connections between prayer in different religions. They will explore places of worship as well as prayer at home. Children will consider that some people are spiritual but not religious and therefore prayer may look different. Children will explore prayers from the Qur'an, the Christian's Lord's Prayer and the Gayatri Mantra. Children will explore the impact of prayer and make links between beliefs and practice of prayer in different religions.

What should I already know?

Children have a good understanding of the beliefs of Christians, Muslims and Hindus. They know the link between these religions. Furthermore, they have explored artwork and stories within these three religions. Children are aware that not all people are religious. Finally, they may already know the names of places of worship in different religions and some key facts about these places.

Key Vocabulary

Religion: the belief in a God or a group of Gods.

Worship: the feeling or act of showing respect, loyalty or love.

Qur'an: the holy book of Islam.

Mosque: place of worship for Muslims.

Call to prayer: this is sung five times a day to remind Muslims to pray.

Puja: the Hindu act of worship.

Mandir: a Hindu temple.



RE Skills and Enquiry

Questions:

- Where is God?
- What is important to me?
- What beliefs are important to Muslims?
- What beliefs are important to Christians?
- What beliefs are important to Hindus?
- How does prayer affect their lives?
- What is the nature of God?

Skills:

- Asking deep questions.
- Recognising difference and similarity.
- Asking questions of believers.
- Showing respect for beliefs of others.
- Expressing ideas about belief.

Acts and place of worship

Worship can take many forms: singing, dancing, praying, helping others, meditating, giving. True believers think that worship comes from the heart. Christians believe they should put God first. They worship in a church. Hindus ring the bell at the start of puja to tell the gods they are there. During puja, prayers are said and offerings are made. Puja can take place in the temple or home. Muslims can also pray at home or in the Mosque. They ensure they are facing Mecca and pray five times a day. They are special rituals before praying, including washing.



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