

What makes places of worship special?– Knowledge Organiser Year 2 Summer 2

A Mosque – a place of worship for Muslims		A synagogue – a place of worship for Jewish people		A Church – a place of worship for Christians	
					
Vocabulary		Vocabulary		Vocabulary	
dome	A hollow half of a sphere on the roof of a mosque. The dome reminds Muslims about the universe Allah created.	Ark	Where the Torah is kept when it is not being used.	Pulpit	A small lifted platform where a member of the clergy stands to talk to the congregation.
minaret	A tall tower where the call for prayer happens. Muslims are called to prayer from the minaret.	Bimah	A raised platform with a reading desk where the Torah is read from.	Alter	A special table in a church that holds special items for the service.
Prayer room	Where prayers take place.	Ner tamid	Everlasting light. A light above the ark which is always burning to remind everyone that God is always with them.	Lectern	A stand in a church where a Bible is placed for reading. Often in the shape of an eagle.
Wudu	The act of washing before prayers is called wudu.	Torah Scrolls	The scrolls contain the words of the Hebrew Bible.	Font	A font stores holy water which is used for baptism/christenings.
Minbar	This is where the Imam stands and speaks during worship. They stand on the lowest steps.	The Torah	The Jewish Holy book.	Stained glass window	Stained glass windows were made to tell stories from the Bible.
Imam	A religious leader in the Islamic faith.			Pew	Where people sit during a church service