

Year 1 Christianity Knowledge Organiser

How are festivals, books, rituals and prayers similar and different in Catholic and Church of England Christianity?

Subject specific Vocabulary		Images/Diagrams/Maps	Important Knowledge
God	Christians believe God made the world and loves everyone.	  	The Catholic Church and the Church of England are both Christian churches that believe in God and follow the teachings of Jesus. The Catholic Church is led by the Pope, and the Church of England is led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Both churches have church buildings where people pray, listen to Bible stories, and celebrate special days like Christmas and Easter.
Jesus	God's Son, who came to teach people to love and be kind.		
Church	A special place where Christians go to pray and learn about God.		
Bible	A holy book that tells the stories of God and Jesus.		
Prayer	Talking and listening to God.		
Cross	A symbol that reminds Christians of Jesus.	Writing/Provision/Enrichment opportunities Visit a Church of England Church and a Catholic Church. Key Questions: What makes a church special? What do Christians celebrate and why? How do Christians pray? What is the same and what is different in Catholic and Anglican churches?	Catholics and Church of England Christians both baptise people and share Holy Communion, but some of their prayers and church traditions are a little different. In the Catholic Church, there are 7 sacraments. In the Church of England, there are 2 main sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion), but they also have other special celebrations like marriage and confirmation.
Altar	A special table at the front of the church where important prayers happen.		
Font	A bowl that holds holy water for baptising people.		
Candle	A light used in church to show that Jesus is the light of the world.		
Baptism	A welcome into God's family using holy water.		

Presentation	Assessment		
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	☐ Identify one or two objects or festivals from Christianity. ☐ Offer simple observations (“They both have a Bible”).	☐ Name key festivals (Christmas, Easter) and explain why they are special. ☐ Identify similarities and differences between Catholic and Anglican churches. ☐ Describe simple Christian rituals (baptism, prayer).	☐ Explain why Christians use rituals (“It shows that...”). ☐ Compare churches more thoughtfully (e.g., “Catholics use holy water because...”). ☐ Ask deeper questions (“Why do Christians celebrate Easter differently?”).