



Comparing Religions

Overview

This term we will be comparing 3 religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam). We will be identifying similarities and differences between them.

Judaism: Main Beliefs

There is one external God who is a spirit and has no human form.

The Torah contains the rules of how Jews should live their lives.

Praying is very important to Jewish people.

Family life is very important in Judaism. The practice of Shabbat is very important.

Christianity: Main Beliefs

God created the Earth and everything in it in 6 days and rested on the 7th day.

Christians believe that God can be seen in three ways, known as the Holy Trinity:

The Father – Creator of the world

The Son – who came to Earth as Jesus

The Holy Spirit – God’s power within Christians

In the Bible, there are ten ‘commandments’ are shared, and Christians should aim to live their life by.

Islam: Main Beliefs

Belief in Allah as the one and only God.

Belief in angels.

Belief in the holy books.

Belief in the prophets and that Muhammed was the final prophet.

They follow the Five Pillars of Islam:

Salah Zakat Sawm Hajj Shahadah

Key Vocabulary and Spellings

Torah –The Jewish holy book. There are 5 Torah scrolls containing 613 commandments.

Bible – The Christian holy book.

Qur’an – The Islamic holy book.

Mosque – The Mosque is the special place of worship for Muslims.

Synagogue – A synagogue is a special place of worship for Jewish people.

Church – The Church is the place of worship for Christians.

Passover - A Jewish holiday which celebrates the escapes of Ancient Hebrews from Egypt.

Lent - Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to **Easter**, the most important festival in the Christian calendar.

Places of Worship

A place of worship is a specially designed structure or space where individuals or a group of people such as a congregation come to show their faith.

Churches, Mosques, Synagogues and Gurdwaras are all Places of Worship for different religions.



Church (Christianity)



Synagogue (Judaism)



Mosque (Islam)