



Virtually Exploring a Sacred Space and Special Things

Prior knowledge needed.

It is useful if participants in school have:

- Been introduced to the variety of religions found in the Bradford Metropolitan District
- Shared information about any religious belonging they may have
- Have had an opportunity to reflect upon their own beliefs and knowledge or experience of religious practice (if applicable), and what is special to them

Objectives of the ‘Virtual Exploration’

The children should:

Have a beginning knowledge of the features of a church and a Cathedral.

Understand the difference between the two.

Be able to identify similarities and differences between Christian belief and practice and those of at least one other religion.

Be able to articulate verbally and represent pictorially the similarity that they find the most interesting.

Content

1. View the 360 Trail of the Cathedral as a class
2. Reflection and introduction to the Cathedral as a sacred space; allow the children to respond to the panoramic views (better viewed on a big screen) and suggest appropriate adjectives.
3. Explain that exploring a sacred space is a bit like being a detective; we have to find evidence and look for clues to find out information.



4. Virtual clue finding trail of the Cathedral, at each key point e.g. the bell tower, the font, the lectern; discuss the importance of the object and space.

Possible areas of focus:

Bells
Font
Nave
Lectern
Bible
Pulpit
Communion Table
Christian Story window
Chapels
Lights and everlasting light
Tabernacle or aumbry
Cross, Saxon/Celtic cross
Ichthus

Note: information on all these may be found here: [Discover Bradford Cathedral Blog](#).

5. Children re-visit the tour on devices (works well in pairs) and try to find answers to clues on the evidence sheet: they record one fact about each area of focus on the detective evidence sheet and one similarity with one other religion.
6. Re-group and discuss what they have discovered.
7. Children each (or in pairs) draw and label one thing or area in the Cathedral and one thing from another religion or its sacred space, that the children think may be similar in some way e.g. bell tower and a minaret, lectern and a rahail.
8. Share the children's work.
9. Collate as a guide book to help others learn more about the Cathedral and other sacred spaces.



RESOURCES REQUIRED

Large screen, laptops or hand held devices, internet access, detective evidence sheets, A3 Paper divided into 2, pencils, colours, laminated photo sheets or actual artefacts from Christianity and one other religion..

Key words, spaces and artefacts from religions other than Christianity

Budhism: bells, altar, Pali-Canon/Tripitaka, dharma chakra

Islam: minaret, minbar, wuzu, prayer mat, rahail, Qur'an, quiblah, Arabic names – Isa, Mariam, Yusef, Dawud etc. crescent moon

Hindu Dharma: bells, arti tray, Bhagavad Gita, Tri-Murti, honey pot and spoon

Judaism: Hebrew Bible, Ner –Tamid, bimah, ark or Aron Hakodesh, Star of David, menorah

Sikh Dharam: Nishan Sahib, Guru Granth Sahib Ji, Darbar Sahib, Golak, Langar. Ik-On Kar