

RE Knowledge Organiser - How does art help people to express their faith?

Learning About Religion

How do religious people express religious and spiritual ideas and feelings?
 What artistic representations might you see in a place of worship?

Learning from Religion

Can pattern express faith?
 Can God be drawn?
 What are your favourite symbols from Christmas?
 Who else do you think should be in the nativity scene?
 How can you express complicated ideas?
 How do Muslims express their faith? Why is God never drawn? Can pattern represent God?
 How do Hindu's draw gods and goddesses?
 How do Hindu's use dance and drama to express their faith?
 What artists do we know who use their work to express their faith?
 Who is in the nativity scene? Are they the same all over the world?
 What do Christmas cards and religious paintings say about incarnation?

Learning Objectives

Can children

Say what artistic representations you might find in a place of worship?
 Explain what they think an artist is saying about faith and religion in their work?
 Describe a Hindu god or goddess and how they are drawn?
 Make comparisons about nativity scenes around the world?

Key Pictures - taken from Picturing Christianity

The Explosion of the Love of God	A stained glass window Concepts - God and Creation Possible activities - colour decoding
The Holy spirit Window	A stained glass window Concepts - God and Gospel Possible activities - how many pieces of glass do you think made up this window? What are the 3 main colours?
Garden of Eden	Painted by John Dyer Concepts - Creation and fall Possible activities - identify the 5 most common colours

Nigerian Nativity	The Nigerian version of the visit of the Magi to the manger Concepts - carnation, people of God Possible activities - compare to the version in Matthew (wise men, King Herod), Luke's (shepherds and angels) and John's (the world became human and lived amongst us... he was full of grace and truth)
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