

Yr.2.Autumn term (1) R.E. Signs & symbols

Why the cross is important to Christians.

Aim: to explain why the cross is the most important symbol for Christians.

AT1 1:6 about and, where appropriate, handle some of the items of significance used in religious worship and lifestyle, exploring how they are used and begin to show awareness of similarities in religions

1:9 about how and why symbols express religious meaning

L. O. I can talk about the Christian Cross

Using ppt, re-cap various logos and familiar signs. We know what to expect when we see these signs. Show the cross shape. Where might you expect to see one of these? (Church)

The cross is one of the most important symbols for Christian people-why? Because it reminds them just how much God loves them. Remind chn of the Easter story of Jesus dying on the cross. Show them BSL for 'Jesus'. To Christians the cross is a symbol of how much God loves everyone. Show PowerPoint of different crosses. Look at the different images that are also shown on some Christian crosses. Each one of these symbols says something about what Christians believe about God.

Show Celtic cross and knot work. Can you identify any shapes? (Cross, heart and a Circle.)

The circle has no beginning and no end-reminds us that God's love has no beginning and no end. The heart represents God's love. He has always loved people and will continue to love people.

Pass round the crosses. What is it made of? How does it feel in their hands? How is it decorated?

To do:

Celtic Cross ws-

Colour the Celtic cross worksheet and draw their own Cross with Christian symbols.

Most chn will be able to explain the way they have decorated their cross.

Think about:

We've heard about God's everlasting love, can the children think of anything else that goes on forever?