



Special People and Places

- *What places are special to the children?*
- *Which places are special in the school?*
- *Which places are special to people in the community?*
- *Which local place is special to a religious family?*
- *Which people are important in their own lives?*

Special Places

- Talk about special places to the children - in the school and in the community.
- We have copies of the video 'Sarah and Paul go to Church' and a teacher's book.
- Approach a local church to see if they would be willing to lend some artefacts to the class.
- Visit www.request.org.uk. The 'Infants' section has simple text and illustrations covering many topics including 'Church Buildings' and 'Going to Church'. There are downloadable worksheets and activities for the children to do on line, such as explore two different types of church and find out 'What is worship?'

Why do people go to church?

Children go to church to hear stories about Jesus.

- Share some from 'The Lion Storyteller Bible'.

People also go to church to think and pray.

- Think about special places you may have at school such as the home corner or perhaps a memorial garden.
- Ask the children to design their own special thinking place. What would they put in it? What should not be there?

The BBC video 'Watch - Christianity' has clips from various churches. We have a copy available for short term loan.

Special People

- Ask the children 'Who is important to you? Why?'
- Draw some pictures of special people - a policeman, a lollipop lady, the Queen.
- Divide a page into four and draw the people who care for us.
- Look at the book 'You are Very Special' by Su Box from Lion Publishing. It introduces the concept that we all have value as individuals. There is a mirror in the back of the book.

The syllabus for this term concentrates on church leaders, which is also covered in Year 2. Jesus is the most important person for Christians.

Read some stories about his life from 'The Lion Storyteller Bible' or 'The Gentle Carpenter'. We suggest these two from the Storyteller Bible; 'The Man Who Came Back' page 96 (explain what is meant by a leper) and 'The Great Parade' on page 102. Why is Jesus special in these stories?

Page 98 of the Storyteller Bible tells the story of Jesus and the children. Read it together and look at the painting of the Chinese Jesus and the children from Jesus Through Art, which has suggested lesson ideas which could be adapted for younger children.

We have made our own big book about church leaders. Contact us at the e-mail address on the home page to arrange a loan.

If booking a visit from a church leader, please bear in mind that not all of them are used to talking to young children. Please contact us for help if required.

Also look at the material about church leaders on the Year 2 page of this web site.