

## KS2 Unit 1, Lesson 4: Special places

**Context:** In this lesson, we are asking pupils to reflect on the places that are special to them and to see why religious places might be important to believers.

**Overview:** In this lesson, we are asking pupils to reflect on the places that are special to them and to go on to see why a Christian place of worship might be special to a believer.

**Essential core:** - Jesus told his followers, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13.35. Give examples of the ways that the Christian Church shows the love of God both to its members and across society.

**Resources:** <http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/05/22/church-tours/>  
<http://request.org.uk/restart?s=cathedral>

**Vocabulary:** Church, Cathedral.

### INTRODUCTION: My special/favourite place:

Give each pupil an object to hold and reflect on - perhaps a stick from a woodland, pebble or shell from a beach or flower from a garden. Use it to talk about your own special/favourite place. You project a photograph and play sounds (eg: waves on a beach or birdsong) Ask pupils to close their eyes and imagine themselves there as they feel the object and imagine themselves there as you describe it to them. Why is it special to you?

Now ask the pupils to think about their special place. Close their eyes and imagine themselves there.

What sounds would they hear? Smells? What object "speaks" about that special place? Why is it special to you?

Now ask them to write about these things. What makes a place special to us - is it beautiful, peaceful, or because of our memories of things that happened there?

### Places of worship:

Take a visit to two or three different Christian places of worship in these short videos. Why are these places special to the people who worship there? What takes place here? What do they say about what Christians believe? If it is convenient you may wish to visit a church building and have a church member talk about what happens there and why the building is important to them.

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You may wish to go on to reflect on one of these Cathedrals. Why are they important to people across the UK?

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### Plenary:

What do special places say about what we and other people believe?