

RE: Year 1 – What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

Symbols of Belonging - Islam



Allah's name written in calligraphy. This might be displayed as a piece of art in the house or in a Mosque.



Pilgrims circling the ka'aba at hajj. This is a very important sign of belonging in Islam.



The special Muslim symbol of a crescent moon and star. This can be seen on the top of a Mosque.

Significant Events

Baptism

A ceremony to welcome a new baby into the Christian church. Adults are also welcomed into the Church by a baptism.

Aqilah

A ceremony to welcome a new baby into the Islamic faith. The special words of the call to prayer are whispered in its ear.

Objectives

- To recognise symbols of belonging from their own experience.
- To recognise symbols of belonging for Christians.
- To recognise symbols of belonging for Muslims.
- To think about why symbols of belonging matter to believers.
- To give an account of what happens at a traditional Christian infant baptism and suggest what the actions and symbols mean.
- To identify two ways people show they belong to each other when they get married.
- To respond to examples of co-operation between different people.

Key Vocabulary

Rosary	Prayer beads
Baptism	Baby welcoming ceremony for Christians.
Aqilah	Baby welcoming ceremony for Muslims.
Call to prayer	Special prayer for Muslims with the words Allahu Akbar meaning God is Great.
Allah	Muslims use this word for God.

Symbols of Belonging - Christianity



The cross symbol may be worn on a necklace or badge to show that someone follows the Christian faith.



The ICHTHYS symbol comes from the Greek word for 'fish'. A Christian might wear it on a badge or display it in their house.



A Rosary or prayer beads are used by some Christians during prayer.



Christening clothes may be worn by a baby who is being baptised. They are usually white and very special.

Key Questions

- Where do we belong?
- What does it mean to belong to a faith community?
- What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?
- What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?
- Why do symbols of belonging matter to believers?