

Activity: Using the information from this lesson's slides, create a leaflet exploring religious buildings from one religion.

Red - Choose one of the three religions to create a leaflet about and use the facts to help you. If the religion that you wish to write about isn't on this list, then try and use the questions in the yellow activity!

Christianity

Tempeliaukio Church (the Rock Church) Helsinki, Finland

- The Rock church was built into the rock in 1969 - this makes it a modern built church compared to the older, traditional ones.

Mont Saint-Michel, Normandy, France

- The main outside of this church was built in the 12th Century, and has been maintained throughout time.
- The church has an affiliation (link) to the Roman Catholic denomination.
- Roman Catholic churches often have elaborate architecture and the decorations inside are extravagant and luxurious.

Temple of the Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, Spain

- Also a church of the Roman Catholic denomination
- Construction started to build this church in 1882.
- It has extravagant architecture and large spires.

Judaism

Jubilee Synagogue, Prague Czech Republic

- The Jubilee Synagogue, also known as the 'Jerusalem Synagogue', in Prague, Czech Republic was built in 1906.
- The synagogue's exterior boasts vibrant colours, elaborate patterns, turrets, and the Star of David placed centrally above the main entrance.
- Inside, the detail remains just as elaborate and colourful.

Eldridge Street Synagogue, New York USA

- The Eldridge Street Synagogue in New York (USA), was built in 1887 and is one of the first synagogues to be built in the USA by Eastern European Jews.
- When compared to the Jubilee Synagogue in Prague, the exterior looks much less plain as it is not colourful. However, they share

similar style windows, especially the large, central circular one above the entrance.

- The two synagogues are very similar inside. They are both warm and inviting, with intricate detail and have similar circular windows.

Islam

The Nusrat Djahan Mosque, Copenhagen, Denmark

- The Nusrat Djahan Mosque is a mosque built on the outskirts of Copenhagen, Denmark. The Nusrat Jahan mosque was the first mosque to be built in Denmark; it was built in 1967.
- Even more remarkably, this mosque was financed solely by female members of the Islamic community in Denmark.
- It still has the traditional round roofed architecture, but it is much more contemporary.

Dome of the Rock Mosque, Jerusalem, Israel

- It was originally built between 685 AD and 691 AD, but has been maintained throughout.
- The 'Dome of the Rock' Mosque in Jerusalem is a traditional architectural mosque, located in a significantly religious area of the world.
- It is considered to be the first monumental building in Islamic history and has architectural importance; it is rich with mosaic, faience, and marble, much of which was added several centuries after its completion.

Sultan Ahmed Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey

- The 'Sultan Ahmed Mosque', also known as the 'Blue Mosque', was constructed between 1609 and 1616 and remains a fully functioning mosque today.
- You can see from the picture that it still has the dome roof like the previous mosque examples.
- Domes have significance within a mosque as it is a symbolic representation of the vault of heaven.

Yellow - Use the prompting questions to help you create your leaflet.

- When were the buildings created?
- Are the buildings colourful or have designs that stand out?
- What is similar about their appearances?
- What is different about their appearances?
- If the exterior (outside) looks different to each other, does the interior (inside) also look different or the same?

Green - Create your leaflet exploring a religion's religious buildings. Use the examples of buildings from this lesson, or you can research more of your own - maybe there is a local place of worship that you could explore too?