# Can I appreciate different religious statues?

Year 4 Summer 2 Lesson 2 RE

# **Religious statues**

Today we will be looking at photographs of famous religious statues from different religions around the world.

Look at the information sheet provided.

## Famous statues: What do you know?

Do you know any famous religious statues?

Look at the information sheet if you need help.

Religious statues can be found anywhere but are mainly found in or near religious buildings like churches and temples

#### Judaism and Islam do not have statues.

#### Famous statues:

Millions of people visit these statues each year.

They are people who follow that religion and it is important for them to see it.

But other people see it as an important part of that country's culture that they are visiting.

Whatever the reason, these statues are to be admired and respected.

# How we could interpret this statue? Use the following questions to help

What is the subject of the statue?

How does it make you feel? Which religion do you think the statue represents? Why? Where in the world do you think this statue is from? Why is it important? Is it decorated? How?



# Possible answers

What is the subject of the statue? Christ is spreading his arms and looking at whoever comes to see him.

How does it make you feel?

His open arms make me feel welcomed Which religion do you think the statue represents? Why? Christianity because the statue is of Christ

Where in the world do you think this statue is from? Brazil.

Why is it important?

People are reminded of who they worship.

Is it decorated? How?

Made of stone/concrete. Not painted. White.



# Here is another one: You have a go.

What is the subject of the statue?

How does it make you feel?

Which religion do you think the statues represents? Why?

Is it similar or different to other religious statues?

Why do you think that it is important?



Lord Murugan, outside Selangor, Malaysia's Batu Caves, is world's the tallest depiction of a Hindu deity. Standing 42 meters tall, the statue took three years and 300 liters of gold paint to create. Hindus are reminded that he is the God of the Tamil language.



### Activities

**Red**: Look at the information sheet. Choose a statue that you are interested in and answer the questions.

Yellow: Look at the information sheet. Choose two statues from different religions and answer the questions.

Green: Find three statues of different religions and answer the questions.