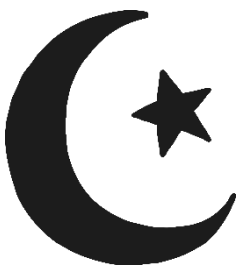
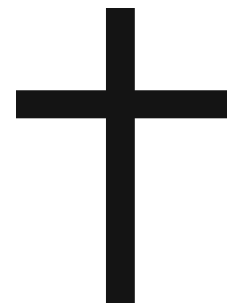


Religious Symbols





Signs and Symbols

What do they mean?





Signs and symbols

A symbol is a picture that makes us think of something or remember something that is important.

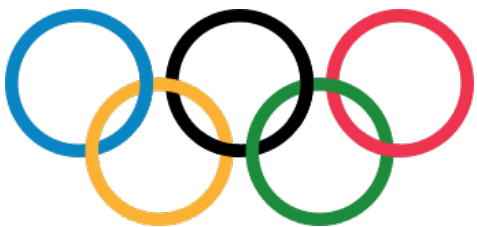
A sign gives us information.



What is a symbol?

A symbol is a mark or character used to represent something.

Do you know what each of these symbols represents?



What is a sign?

A sign is a mark, shape or picture that always has the same meaning. They represent information.

Do you know what the signs below represent?



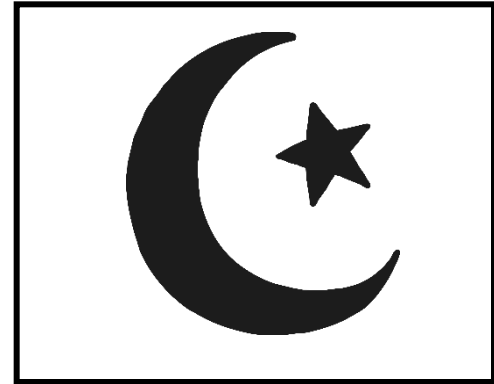
Religious signs and symbols.....

- There are lots of different religions and each religion has their own symbols.
- We are going to look at the Islamic faith and Christianity.
- The next few slides show us what the two different religions use as symbols and what they mean.

Religious symbols of Islam

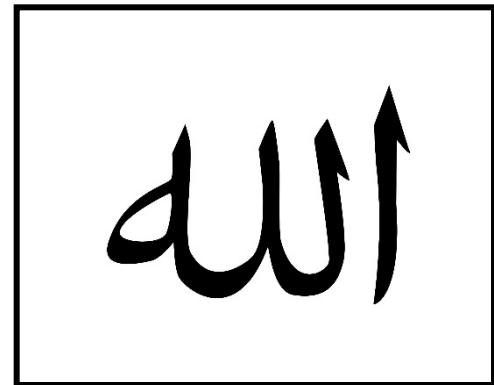
The Star and Crescent

This symbol features on the flags of Muslim countries such as Turkey and Pakistan.



The name 'Allah'

This is very important. Certain words in Arabic script are symbols which represent Islam and this is one of them.



The Kabah

The Kabah or the Sacred House is the most important mosque in the world. It can be found in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Muslims are expected to go to Mecca at least once in their life.

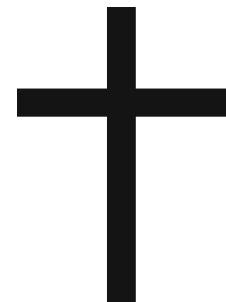
According to Muslims, the Kabah was built by Prophet Ibrahim and it was the first house that was built to workshop Allah.



Religious symbols of Christianity

The Cross

The cross is the most common symbol associated with Christianity. It stands for Jesus' death and suffering on the cross during the crucifixion. It also symbolises the resurrection.



The Fish

The fish is another sign of Christianity. It was originally a secret sign used by early persecuted Christians to show they believed in and follow Jesus.



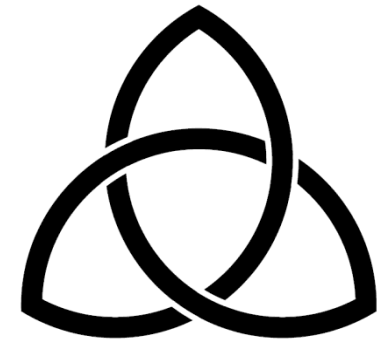
The Dove

The dove is a Christian symbol of the Holy Spirit. In the Bible story, a dove returned to Noah with an olive branch and so the dove is seen as a sign of hope.



The Holy Trinity

The holy trinity symbolises the Christian belief that there is one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



The Candle Flame

The candle flame is another symbol that Jesus is known as the light of the world.

