



What do places of worship tell us about religion?

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. *Matthew 18:20*"

Gathered is the key word in this quote from the Christian Bible.

Jesus taught that when people gathered together to worship him, then he would be present. This is one reason why Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the Mass.

Having a place of worship is important for Christians as it provides the opportunity to feel closer to God, to meet other Christians with the same beliefs and to feel like a part of a community of believers who regularly come together to express their faith.

Having a place of worship in other religions is important too!

They all have a common purpose:

- ▶ Remembering
- ▶ Giving Thanks
- ▶ Praise
- ▶ Restraining from social wrongs



Non-religious places of worship.

They all have communal similarities.

- ▶ Shared; Identity/Clothing/Rituals
- ▶ Praising
- ▶ Sense of community
- ▶ Symbolism
- ▶ Idol worship



Role Models, Non-religious.

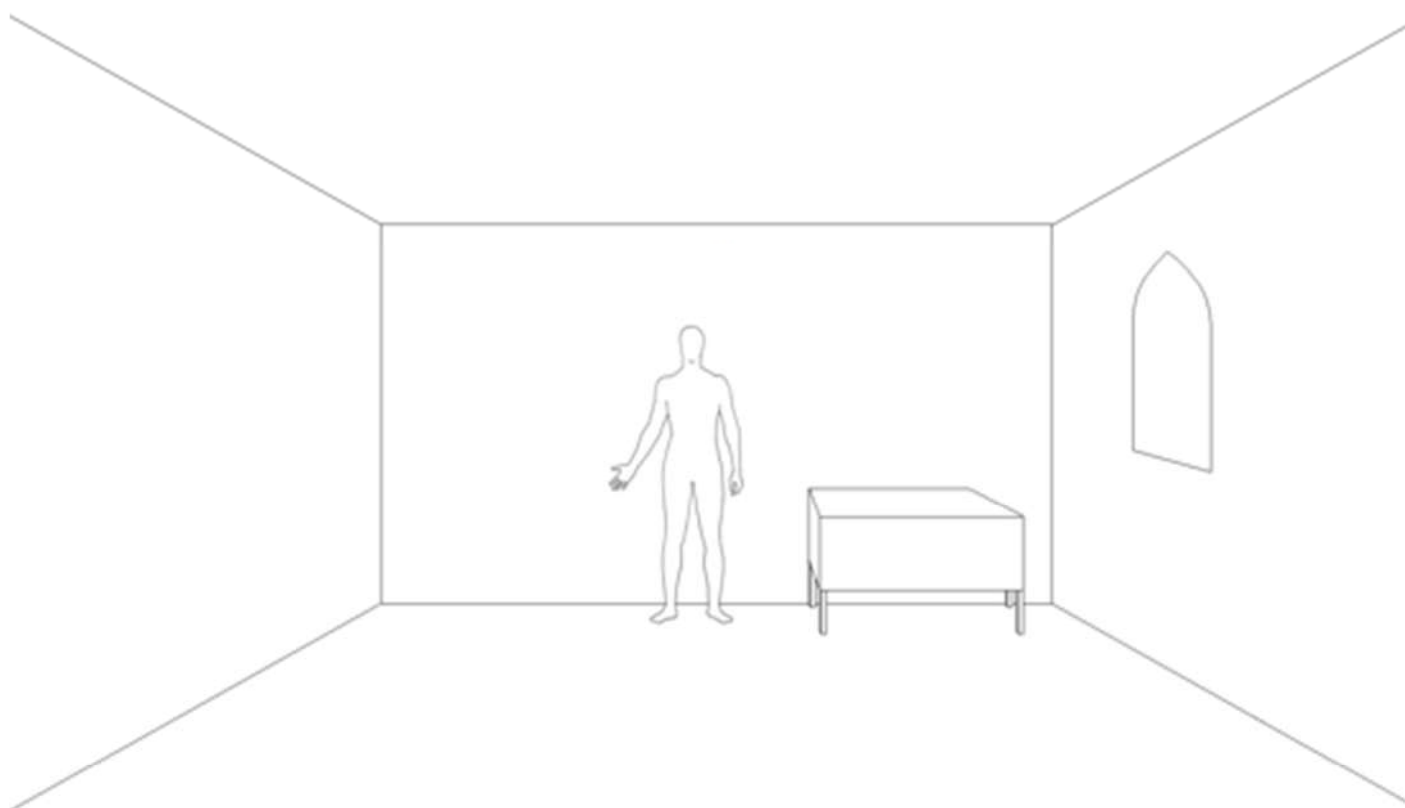
TASK: Use the template idea shown below to copy from, sketch into your workbook, your own place of worship.

Think about:

What would your place of worship look like?

What would you have as common purpose?

What would be common similarities for visitors?



Make you own place of
worship...