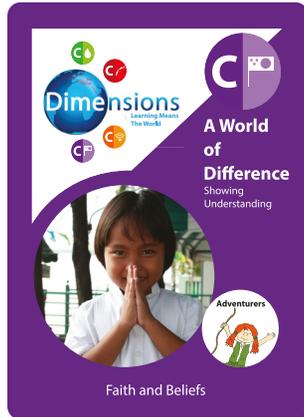


Adventurers - A World of Difference



Buddhism

"A World of Difference" is a thematic unit based around world religions. It looks at the following faiths:- Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism, examining aspects such as places of worship, holy books, core beliefs and important festivals.

Key Facts and Figures

Buddhism developed out of Hinduism. It was started in Nepal 2,500 years ago by Gautama Buddha.

Key Places

Buddhist temples have been built to represent the five elements: fire, air, earth, water, wisdom. There are different types of temples, but Buddhists do not have to go to the temple to worship. Many Buddhists have a shrine in their house, with incense, candles and a statue of Buddha. Buddhist nuns and monks live in monasteries.



Key Book

The Buddhist holy book is the Tripitaka – a huge volume, which is a collection of Buddha's sayings. It is written in Pali (very similar to the language Buddha spoke).

Key Festivals

Wesak (Buddha Day) is the celebration of Buddha's birth, death and enlightenment. It is celebrated on the first full moon in May.



Key Beliefs

Buddhists want to get rid of suffering and there are five moral principles which they try to live by:-

1. Do not hurt or kill
2. Do not steal
3. Be faithful in relationships
4. Do not lie
5. Do not take drugs or drink alcohol

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Vocabulary

Buddha	an Indian prince who lived a life of luxury but wanted to understand why there was so much suffering in the world
Buddhist	someone who follows the teachings of Buddha
Enlightenment	when you understand something
Meditation	to be still and calm and focus your mind on a particular thought or object
Monastery	a building where a community of monks live together
Moral	related to right and wrong behaviour
Reincarnation	to be reborn after death
Shrine	a place for worship that is holy
Temple	a building for religious practice
Tripitaka	Buddhist holy book
Wesak	the most important Buddhist festival

Concept Flow

- To know the origins of the Buddhist faith
- To learn how and where Buddhists worship
- To know about the Buddhist holy book
- To learn about important Buddhist festivals
- To understand Buddhist core beliefs



My Notes / Questions

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