

## Supporting RE Learning at Home

- Discussing your own family traditions, beliefs and practices and encouraging your child to vocalise their beliefs.
- Discussing the fact that other people may have different traditions, beliefs and practices and that these should be respected
- Exposing your child to other cultures and beliefs through books, TV programmes, visits to museums and places of worship
- There are many books, both stories and non-fiction that provide a good starting point for such discussions
- Being aware that we can listen to other people's ideas and be open to changing our minds if other people's arguments are persuasive!
- Being open to philosophical discussion, including discussion of broader issues such as animal welfare, people's responsibility for our world, whether certain things e.g. stealing can ever be excusable
- Encouraging curiosity and the ability to question

## Useful Links

BBC bitesize have many useful video clips that explain various features of the world's major religions <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmyb4wx>

BBC Bitesize RE

Virtual tours of places of worship

### **Islam**

Interactive Tours: The #VisitMyMosque Initiative provides 360-degree tours and teachers' guides for six diverse UK mosques, helping pupils identify features like the mihrab and ablution areas.

Guided Videos: The BBC Bitesize Mosque Guide uses engaging, primary-friendly video clips to explain prayer routines and mosque architecture.

### **Christianity**

National Sites: Explore historic UK sanctuaries using the National Churches Trust Virtual Visits directory.

Cathedrals & Abbeys: The Westminster Abbey Learning Portal offers interactive primary resources focused on Christian life, worship, and pilgrimage.

Guided Videos: Access the BBC Bitesize Church Guide or stream the Twinkl Catholic Church Video Lesson.

### **Hinduism**

Guided Videos: Watch the BBC Teach Inside a Hindu Temple to see a mandir up close, or use the Twinkl Tour of a Mandir Lesson for interactive, age-appropriate playback.

## 🌀 Sikhism

Interactive Features: Use the Twinkl Gurdwara Hotspots Activity to visually explore sacred elements.

Guided Videos: Check out the BBC Bitesize Gurdwara Visit Guide to understand community kitchens (langar) and the holy text (Guru Granth Sahib).

## Reading and Discussion Support

Reading religious stories or moral texts

Asking questions such as:

What does this story teach us?

Why is it important to believers?

How might this influence someone's actions?

There are a few websites dedicated to Philosophy for Children which may give you some helpful ideas of the sorts of ways you can encourage high quality discussion. This is an example <https://www.thephilosophyman.com/free-p4c-resources>



There are lots of lovely picture books, which approach different faiths and festivals in a child friendly way. Check your local library.