

CurriculumVisions Lesson 1

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Religion

Buddhist Temple

Book: Buddhist Temple

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Buddhist Temple

In this segment, we are going to think about how the Buddhist temple is used.

You will need to start by going to pages 4 and 5 and reading the text.

Buddhists describe the Buddha as enlightened. What is enlightenment.

Answer.....

When a person has become truly happy and at peace with the world.

Look at the illustration on pages 6 and 7.

What is the centre of the temple called? What can you find here? Can you name some other features of a large temple?

Answer.....

Shrine room. A statue or painting of the Buddha.

Any of: courtyard, pagoda, trees, classrooms, meditation rooms, guest rooms, dormitories for monks, small shrine rooms

On page 8 you can see a picture of a shrine room. What are some of the things that might be found here?

Answer.....

Any of: statue of the Buddha, offerings to the Buddha (water, candles, flowers, incense), people worshipping, cushions

Look at the text and pictures on pages 10 and 11. What are mudras and asanas? What do they tell us about?

Answer.....

Asanas are poses and mudras are the positions of the hands of the Buddha. They tell us about events in the life of the Buddha or are reminders of the Buddha's teachings.

Read the text and look at the pictures on pages 12 and 13. What are four different ways that people worship in the temple?

Answer.....

Any of: Offering prayers (puja), chanting, saying mantras, thinking about the lessons of the Buddha, meditation, making offerings, ringing bells, using prayer beads

Read the text and look at the pictures on pages 14 and 15. Why can you find a lot of art and symbols in a Buddhist temple? What can it tell worshippers?

Answer.....

The art helps people learn and remember important things about the Buddha and his teachings. All the pictures and symbols have meanings. The art can tell worshippers about the life and teachings of the Buddha.

Read about the celebrations on pages 16 and 17. What are some of the ways that they are celebrated in temples?

Answer.....

Answers will vary. They could include: making offerings to Buddha; making donations; eat special food; listen to talks; watch dances; sing; light candles; receiving blessings; splash monks with water

Imagine you are visiting a Buddhist temple. How will you show respect? What things might you see and do there? (Hint: look on pages 18 and 19)

Answer.....

Show respect by taking off your shoes in the throne room and being quiet. You might see paintings or sculptures of the Buddha or that are reminders of the Buddha's teachings; specially-shaped books containing the teachings of the Buddha; prayer wheel; people leaving offerings or bowing; monks and nuns.

Read pages 22 and 23. What are Buddhist monks and nuns? What are some of the rules that they must follow?

Answer.....

Sample answer: They are people who have devoted their lives to studying the teachings of the Buddha. They give away all their possessions; they live in a temple or monastery; they only eat one meal a day; do not sleep on a soft bed; follow the five precepts; wear special robes

Read about the Thai temples and look at the pictures on pages 22 and 23.

What features does this temple have in common with other temples in this book? What features does it have that are different?

Answer.....

Answers may include:

In common: It has statues and artworks of the Buddha; stupas; gardens.

Different: It has marble slabs with a poem on them; it is a centre for Thai medicine and massage; the statue is very large and is gold-plated and has mother of pearl; it has statues of demon-like creatures.

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