

Signs & Symbols

Do you know what these mean?

Are they useful?

How do they help us?

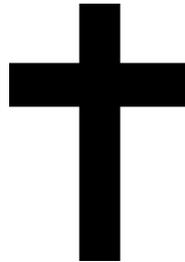


If you want to find something quickly a picture with a symbol on it can help you, if you know what it means!

If you are driving a car or a bus, or walking in the streets, traffic signs are very important to tell you what to do and they keep everyone safe.

Do you know what this symbol means?

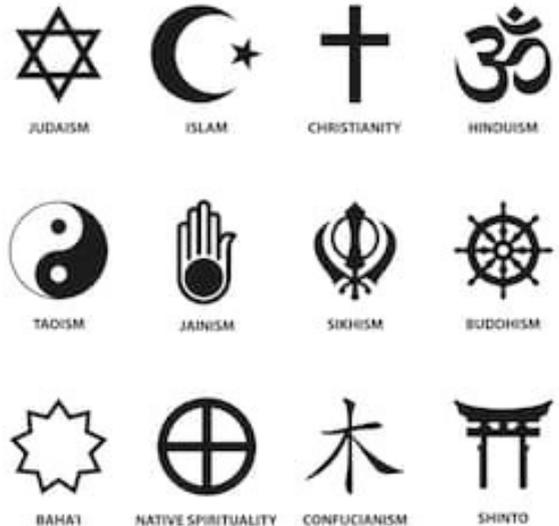
All over the world, if you see this, you know that it tells you there is something to do with C _____ there.



Where might you find crosses? (e.g. buildings, jewellery etc).

Each world faith has a symbol to tell you which one it is. Here's four things to do!

1. How many of these do you know?
2. Find out more about some of these world faiths.
3. Make a fact list on a sheet of paper about three of these faiths and draw their symbols.
4. Write and draw something else you have learned about it.



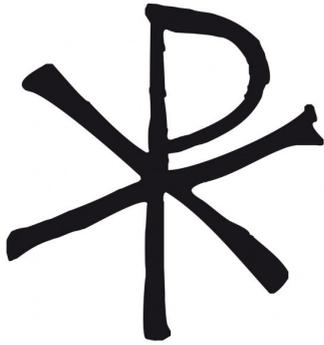
In this shape, design a symbol that represents YOU!

You could symbolise your favourite food, hobbies, key things about you, how you look, for example.

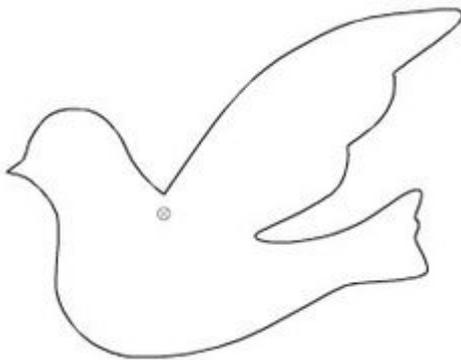


Can you read this word? **PAX.**

It is a very ancient symbol that means 'PEACE TO YOU'



This is the Chi ro. It is Greek. It means Christ (Jesus). In Greek, the first two letters of Christy, c and h are x and p. This is also an ancient symbol.



What is this bird? A d ___ . The symbol is often found in Christian churches. It represents the **Holy Spirit.**



This fish is called the **Ichthys.** It is a very old Greek word. It is an acronym in Greek for the words **Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour.** The first Christians used to scratch the fish shape on walls where they were secretly praying. They could not use a cross because those who wanted to kill them would know they were there. It was a Christian secret sign.



Can you design a secret symbol that means 'Jesus'.

Draw it in the box and explain why you have chosen this symbol.

Decorate all the symbols on this page with colours or patterns.

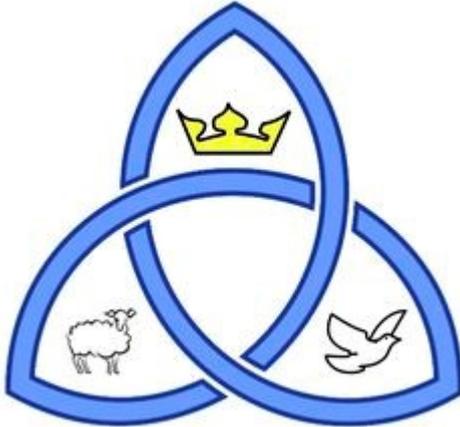


Can you read the letters? Which world faith is this a symbol of?

_____.

It is from the Greek word for **Jesus**. It is often put on robes worn by priests and on altar table cloths in churches to show that they are worshipping Jesus.

Here are symbols within a symbol!



The blue symbol is joined in three parts and it means **the Trinity**. Trinity is what Christians believe about God—that he is one God but that he came to earth as **three parts—Father, Son (Jesus), and Holy Spirit**.

Can you tell which is which?

Why has a sheep been used?



What do these symbols represent for Christians?

Jesus said, the bread is my _____

The wine is my _____

Jesus said this at the Last Supper with his disciples.

Christians share bread and wine at Altar tables in churches, when they remember Jesus together.

Wine

Bread



Sometimes you see wheat and grapes on Altar table cloths in churches.

Why have wheat and grapes been used?

A chalice cup to colour in

