

Inside a Church

This activity will interactively encourage the children to explore the building using basic shapes as a means of constructing a plan of the church.



What you will need:

Large sheets of paper (A2 size would be ideal) If you think you can't provide this, speak to the class teacher and ask them to bring some with them.

Scissors suitable for KS1 children to use (no sharp points) + glue sticks

Sheets of the shapes for children to cut out and stick. You will need lots of these as they will need more than one of each shape!

Children can work on this activity in groups of 3 or 4

Many will need an adult helper to read the task and support them in carrying it out.

Explain that their sheet of paper will become a plan of the church in which they are. They will be able to take this away with them and use it when they go back to school to talk about what the church was like inside.

Encourage children to identify their sheet of paper as an outline of the 4 walls of the church building. It might be a good idea to identify where the door is first, look at its shape, find the shape on the sheet of shapes, cut and stick it along the correct 'wall' of their plan. This will then give the children a point from which they can identify and place the other parts of the church.

When the children have finished the activity they could talk to the adults from the church who are present and ask them about how the different parts of the church are used. With help they could write labels for the things they have stuck onto their plan.

Activity sheet

So...be a Church detective....get ready...go!

What shape is the **door**? Does it have a rounded top or a pointed top?

Cut out the correct shape for the door and stick it in the right place on your plan.

What shape are the **windows**? Are they round at the top or pointed? Is there a window that is a circle shape?

Cut out the correct window shape, count how many windows there are and stick them in the right place on your plan of the church.

Are there any **arches or pillars** in the church? Count how many there are and look carefully at their shape. Cut out the right number and stick them on your plan. If they are joined together in the church, try and make them join together on your plan.

Find the **lectern and pulpit**. Cut out 2 rectangles and stick them in the right places on your plan

Where is the **font**? Cut out an oval shape and stick it in the right place.

Where is the **altar**? What shape could you cut out for this? Stick it in the right place on your plan?

Find a **cross**. Cut out a cross and stick it on your plan.

Where is the **organ**? What shape could you use for showing this on your plan? Cut it out and stick it onto the plan

There will be too many **seats or pews** in this church for you to put every one of them on your plan. Instead cut out some squares and stick them on your plan where the seats are in this church.