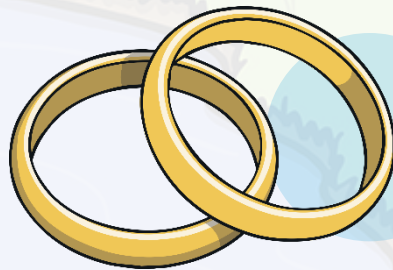
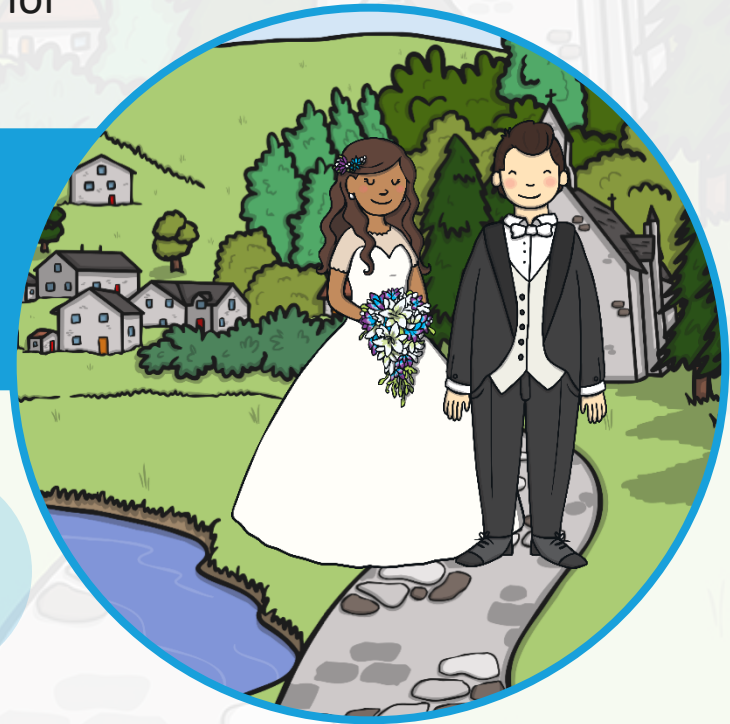


# What Is a Wedding?

A wedding is when two people who love each other make special promises to one another. It is a happy time when friends and family come together to celebrate the love that the two people have for each other.

Have you ever been to a wedding?  
Who got married?  
What was it like?



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# Who Are Christians?

Christians are a group of people who follow Jesus. Their special building is called a church and their special book is the Bible.

Tell your partner anything you know about the Christian faith.

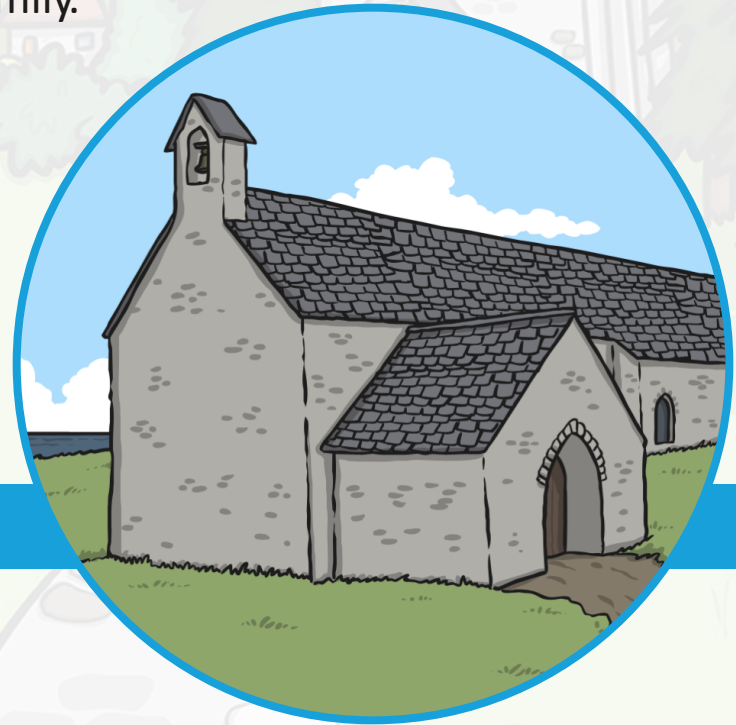
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# Before the Wedding

The people getting married decide when they are going to get married.

They send invitations to their friends and family.



Wedding  
Invitation

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# Where Does a Christian Wedding Take Place?

A Christian wedding happens in a church.



# Who Takes Part in a Christian Wedding?

Click on the circle to find out more about the people in a wedding.

The people  
getting  
married.

Performs  
the  
marriage  
ceremony.

A good  
friend or  
relative of  
the groom.

Walks the  
bride to  
the front of  
the church.

Friends or  
relatives of  
the bride.

Shows the  
guests where  
they need to  
sit before the  
wedding.

# What Do People Wear at a Wedding?

Guests at a wedding will wear smart clothes.  
Sometimes women wear big hats.

Bridesmaids wear nice dresses. They sometimes wear flowers in their hair and carry a bunch of flowers. They help the bride on her special day.





# What Happens at a Wedding?

When the couple arrive at the church, special music will start playing. The guests all stand up and the couple walk to the front of the church where the vicar is waiting.



# What Happens at a Wedding?

Sometimes special songs called hymns are sung. Parts from the Bible or special poems are read.





# What Happens at a Wedding?

The couple make promises to each other called vows. These often include these words:  
'...for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health,  
to love and to cherish...'

The couple give each other rings as a sign of their love and to show that they are married.



# What Happens at a Wedding?

After the vows and giving of the rings, the vicar, minister or priest says that the couple are now married. Often they then kiss.

The couple sign a register, which is a legal record to show that they are now married.

After that, special music will play and they walk back up the church aisle and outside.

Guests sometimes throw confetti or flower petals in celebration.



# What Happens After the Wedding?

After the wedding ceremony, there is a big party called a wedding reception.

The guests have lots of yummy food.  
Some of the people make speeches about the special day. There is a cake which the couple cut.

After the food, people sometimes dance to a band or a DJ. It is a happy time.





# What Happens After the Wedding?

At the end of the wedding reception, the guests go home.  
The newly-weds go on a special holiday called a honeymoon.

