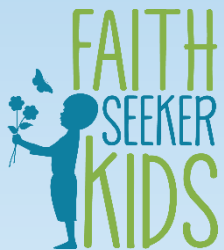


Fun Discovery of Sacred Spaces

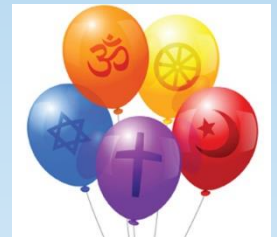
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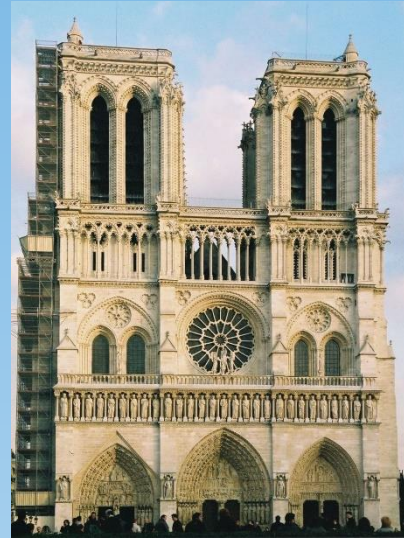
Edwina Cowell
Founder, Spiritual Playdate



Virtual Tours



Grand Mosque, Abu Dhabi



Notre
Dame



2nd Temple
of Jerusalem



Triveni Temple, Trinidad/Tobago

Keep It Local

Find the Possibilities

Jewish synagogues [name of city]

Hindu temples [name of city]



Don't Forget to Branch Out

Different types of churches

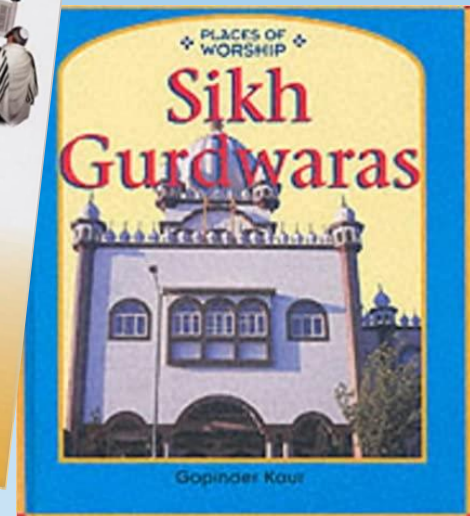
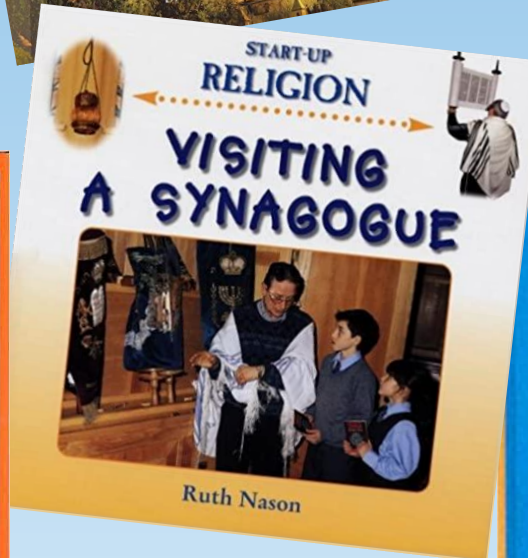
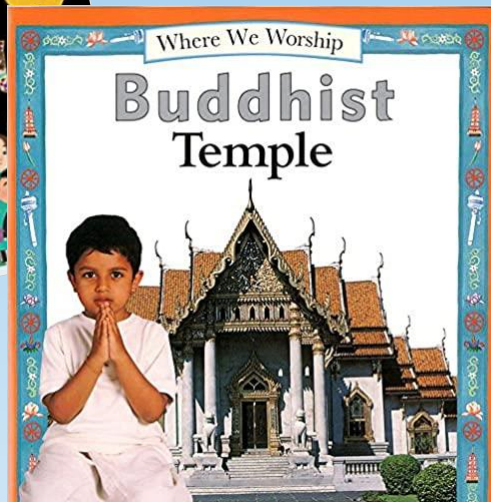
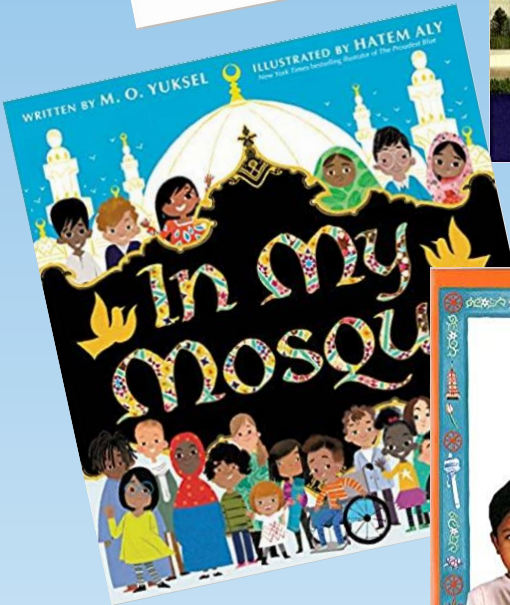
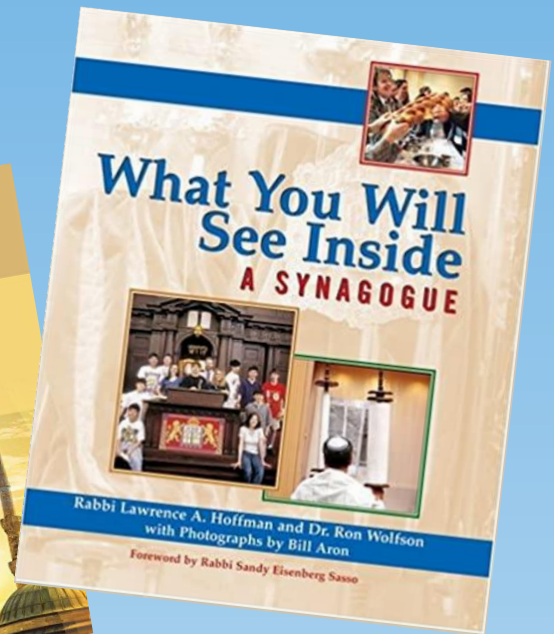
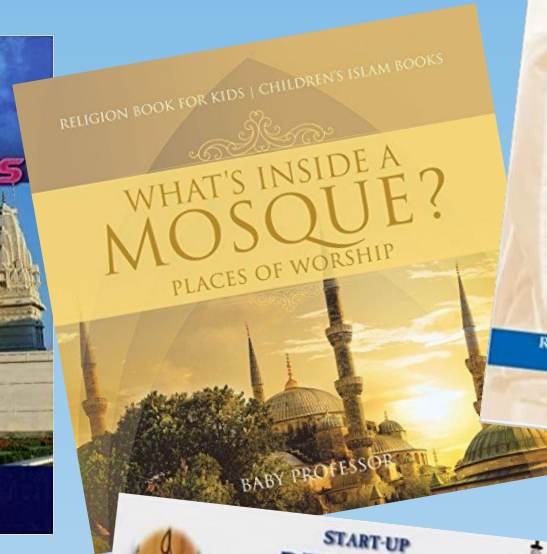
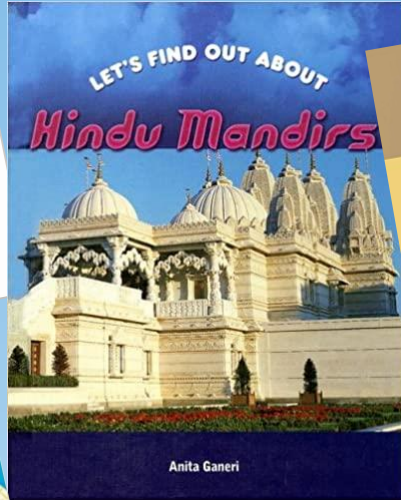
Different types of Buddhist temples

Different types of synagogues

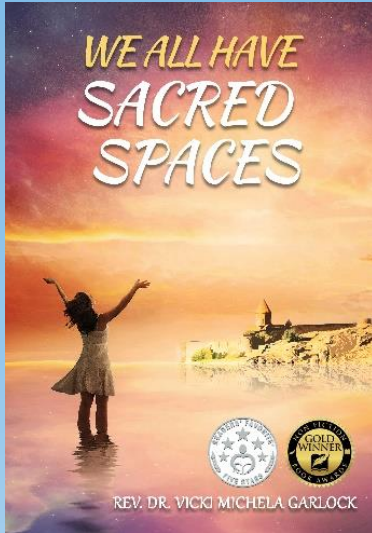
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Read Books



We All Have Sacred Spaces

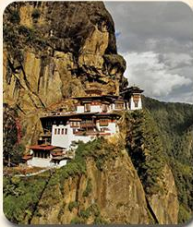


Ages 4-10; 7 different traditions

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Like Hindu *mandirs*, many Buddhist temples are set in awe-inspiring locations. This temple in Bhutan was literally built on the side of a mountain.



Paro Taktsang (pah-roh tahkt-sahng) is also known as Tiger's Nest, but the actual translation of "taktsang" is "tigress lair." According to legend, a famous Buddhist teacher flew on the back of a tigress to the mountain cave that lies within the temple.

Dome-like towers, called *stupas* (stoo-puhs), are another common feature of Buddhist temples. This Golden Pagoda in Burma (Myanmar) consists of one large stupa surrounded by several smaller ones.



Some *stupas*, like this one, hold sacred objects that have been preserved for a long time. These relics, which might include hair or teeth, are highly respected in some Buddhist traditions.

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This is the Crystal Mosque found in Malaysia.
Can you count the domes and minarets?



Can you also see the crescent moons, a symbol of Islam, on top of the minarets?

Minarets broadcast the Islamic call to prayer five times a day. Whenever devout Muslims hear the call, they stop what they're doing and pray – either at a mosque or anywhere else they happen to be.

The precise prayer times are determined by the sun's position in the sky. In this way, Islam is closely connected to nature, just like the Indigenous and Hindu traditions.



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Thought Questions

Nature is very important for sacred spaces in Indigenous, Hindu, and Buddhist traditions. Is there a place in nature that's special to you?



In Hindu temples, Buddhist temples, Islamic mosques, and Sikh gurdwaras people remove their shoes in respect. Have you ever done that in a sacred space? Would you like to try it?



In Islamic mosques and Sikh gurdwaras people often cover their heads as a sign of respect. What do you think of that idea? If you covered your head, what would you wear?

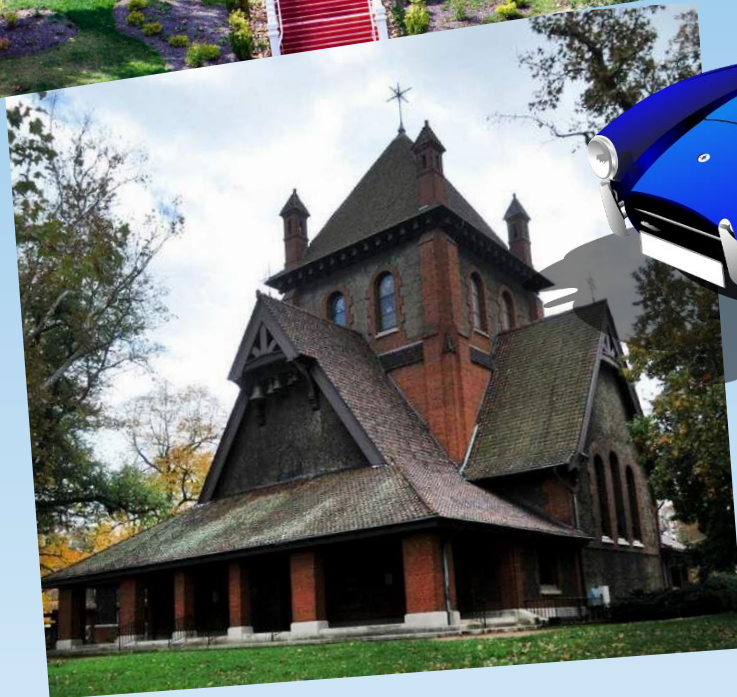


Do you think the domes on the different sacred spaces are similar or different? What about towers, stupas, minarets, and steeples/spires?

Which is your favorite sacred space? Why?

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Drive By



Visit in Person

Off Hours



Holy Days/Special Services

Diwali

Interfaith Iftar

Hanukkah

Ganesha, Krishna, Navratri

Samhain, Brigid, Beltane, Lughnasad

Sukkot or Purim

Smoke Ceremonies

Family Meditation

A Few Questions to Ask

Come and Go?

Clothing?

Donations?



Are you ready for the adventure?

Faith Seeker Kids Products

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