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Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

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Part 2

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L.O. How do Christians use objects to help them concentrate on and think about God?

Success criteria:

I know that some objects are important to people of faith;

I understand Christians use objects to help them concentrate and think about God;

I can describe my own thoughts and feelings about objects.

To think about:

Reflection: what is it, and how do Christians use the art of reflection?

What you need to do:

With permission, go outside and see if you collect some of these natural items: pebbles, shells, leaves, twigs, flowers, pine cones, stones, feathers (if you can't find any, the next slide has some pictures that you can use).

Then, select an object and hold it. Sit quietly and look at it, feel it.

Think about how it looks and feels - does it remind you of other things? How has it come to be just like this? Can you imagine the story of your object?

You may not be able to hold and feel these items but you can still reflect on them. Sit quietly and look at it. Think about how it looks - does it remind you of other things? How has it come to be just like this? Can you imagine the story of your object?



Christians often use objects to help them concentrate on and think about God.



This is a holding cross. It is made from olive wood, which is very smooth, and comes from Bethlehem. It is small enough to be held in a hand.



The chalice and paten. Do you know what these are used for?



Rosary beads. Catholics use these to help them to pray.



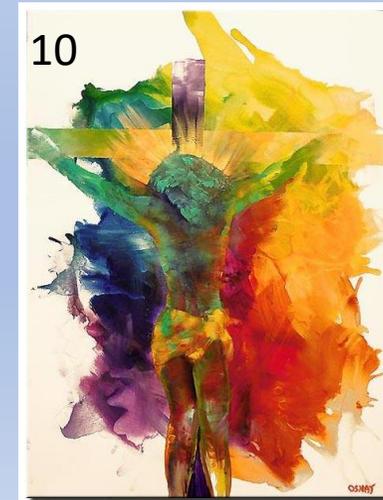
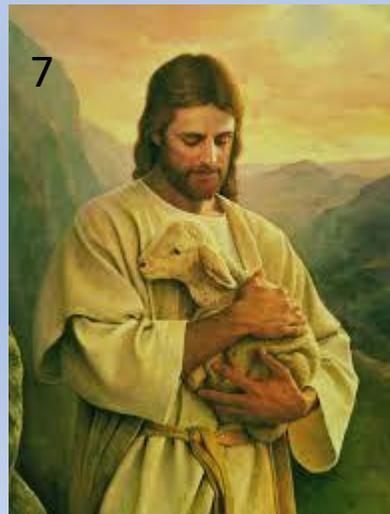
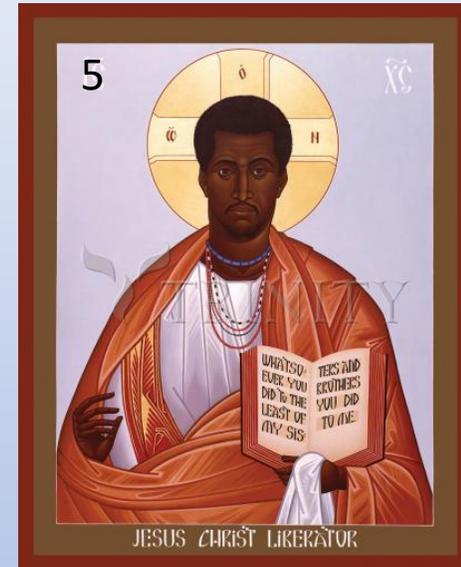
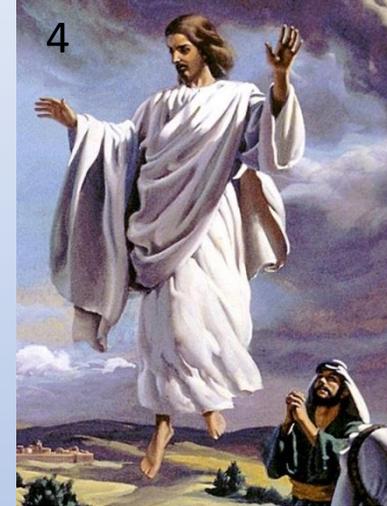
A palm cross. These are given to Christians on Palm Sunday. Do you know why?



A candle. Why do you think Christians use a candle? What does it remind them of?

Why do you think these objects remind Christians of their faith?

Here are some pictures of Jesus. I'd like you to reflect on these. In your books, write how the picture helps you to understand why Jesus matters to Christians.



You just need to choose 2-3 pictures

You might want to just sit and think about these questions:

I wonder:

Can a pebble tell a story?

Can a stone give humans an emotion?

Do we all make symbols from natural objects?

What if these objects could talk, and say just one sentence, what would they say?

What do the objects Christians use 'say'?

How do other religions, and non-religious people use symbols and objects for their spiritual lives?

Can you explain to me what you have been learning about before – how do you think it links into what you focused on today?