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Religious Studies

Honoring God

In the Old Testament many things were identified as holy or sacred. The Tabernacle/Tent God instructed Moses to make was holy and contained holy things. (Exodus Chapters 25, 26, 27 & 28).

In the Christian faith, the church is considered a holy place. There are also objects that are considered holy or sacred. These include the Holy Bible (God's Word) and the cross which symbolizes Jesus' death.

When we show respect for holy places and things, we honor God. In the New Testament, Jesus taught us that God's house should be respected as a "house of prayer." (Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-19). Places and things that have been dedicated to God should be respected.

We can honor God in places of worship in the following ways:

- ❖ Be silent and reverent
- ❖ Hold the Bible with respect
- ❖ Pray to God
- ❖ Worship and adore Him
- ❖ Avoid touching items only ministers are allowed to touch
- ❖ Do not play in church
- ❖ Avoid eating and chewing gum in church etc.

In some churches the Bible is kept on an elevation and congregants are required to bow when they see the cross. The Bible is sacramental because it is Holy and is inspired by God.

