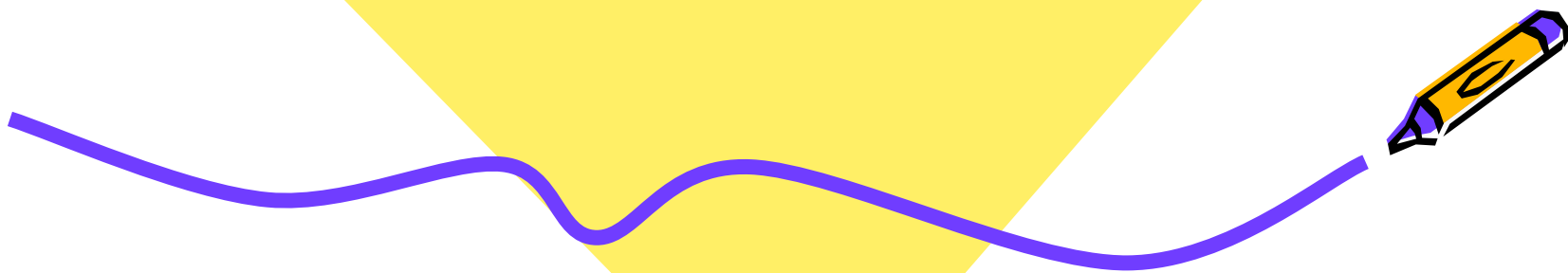




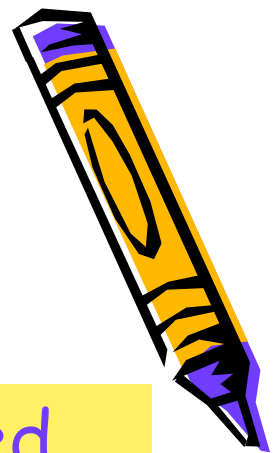
Christianity



Christians

People who follow Christianity are called Christians.

Although there are many different types of Christians, they all believe in Jesus Christ.



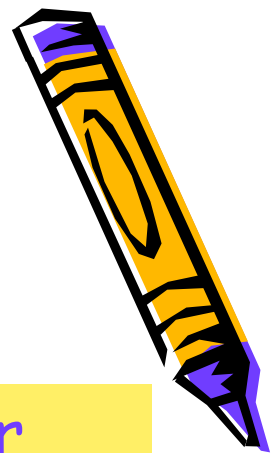
The Bible



- The Christian holy book is called The Bible.
- It is made up of 2 sections, The Old Testament and the New Testament.



Symbols



- The main symbol of Christianity is the cross or crucifix, it reminds Christians that Jesus died for them by being hung on the cross.
- Christians have lots of symbols. Candles represent the light that Jesus brings to the world.
- Water represents cleanliness, washing away sins, and new beginnings.



Holy Places



- Christians have many special places. These are called shrines. These places are special for many reasons.
- Christians worship in churches.
- Special places for Christians include Fatima, in Portugal, Bethlehem, and Rome in Italy where the Pope lives.
- My favourite Christian holy place is...



Lourdes



- Lourdes is in France, in the Pyrenees mountains.
- Mary, Jesus' mother visited a poor, sick girl called Bernadette, many years ago. Mary asked Bernadette to build a church and ask people to come in procession.
- Many sick people visit each year and some are even healed from their illness. When this happens it is said to be a miracle.
- There are processions every day



Festivals



- Christians celebrate many festivals and holy days each year. The most exciting are Christmas and Easter.
- Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus and Easter celebrates the time when he rose from the dead.

