

Places of Worship

A task setting PowerPoint about the Buddhist temple for Key Stage 1.

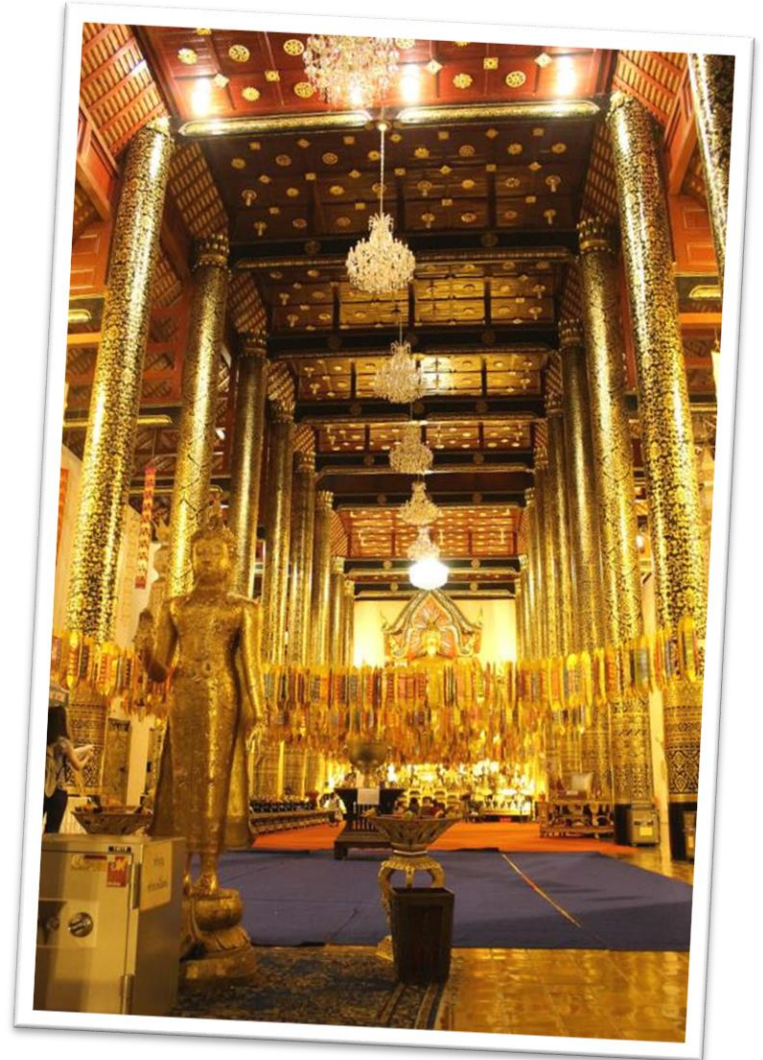


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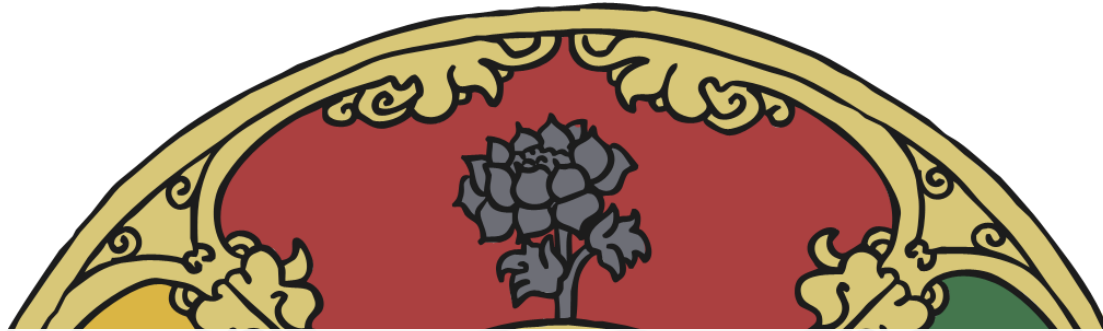
What do all of these buildings have in common?



What is it like inside a Buddhist Temple?

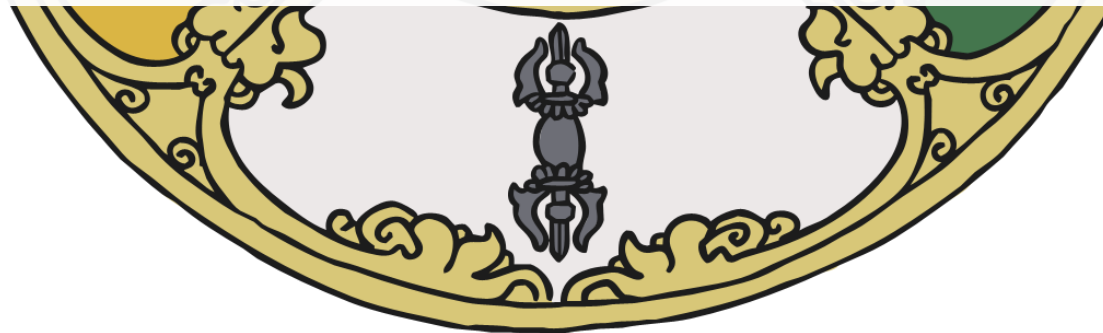


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Learning Objective

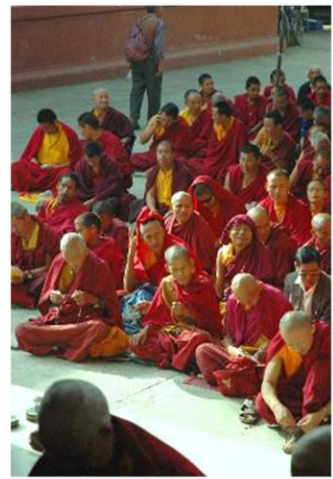
- To learn about what you might see and experience at a Buddhist temple.
- To learn about why it is an important place to many people.
- To learn about how and why Buddhists worship at home.





Buddha

All Buddhist temples contain an image or statue of Buddha.



Courtyard or Meditation Area

A temple may have a silent area for meditation.

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From here, the head monk may give a talk to the worshippers.



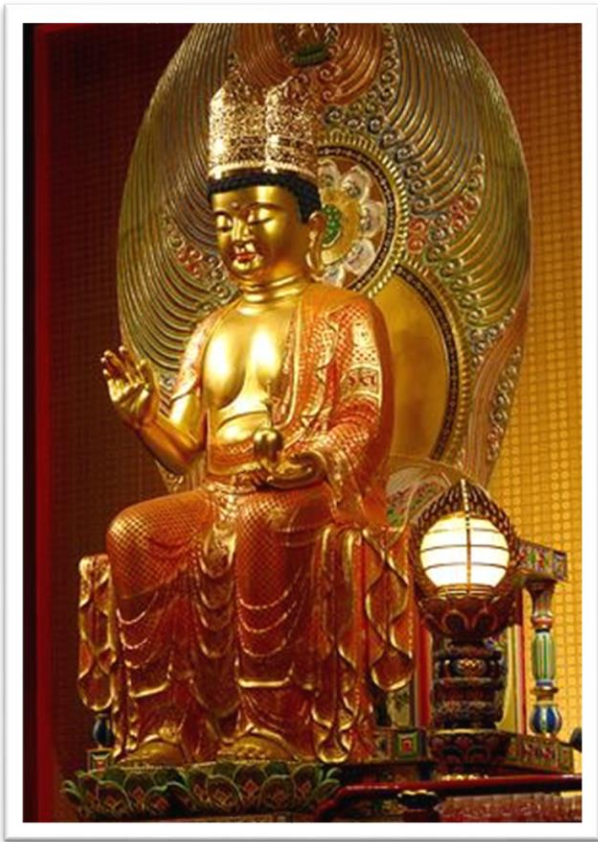
Important Features of a Buddhist Temple



Wheel of Life

This is the Buddhist symbol. You might see this if you are ever visiting a Buddhist temple.

Why do people go to a Buddhist Temple?



People go to the temple to worship the image of Buddha. Worshippers usually sit on the floor barefoot.



Worshippers give offerings to Buddha such as flowers or candles. Worship is led by monks and is mostly meditation and chanting.

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Incense (a nice smelling fragrance) is used during worship to remind everyone that Buddha is all around them.



Many Buddhists believe that worshipping together with other Buddhists helps them to understand their religion better and to feel part of a faith family. Being in the temple also helps Buddhists to get better at meditation which is a way of being calm and still.

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Buddhists also attend temple for special occasions such as weddings and religious festival days.

Buddhist Worship at Home



Buddhists can worship both at the temple and at home.

In a Buddhist home, there will be one room or area used as a shrine with a statue of Buddha, incense and candles.

Having a shrine in the home is an opportunity for a Buddhist to worship daily.



Showing Respect

- No talking in the shrine room.
- Wear appropriate clothing and no shoes to be worn inside.
- Special books should be kept off the floor.
- Sit with your legs crossed on the floor, do not straighten out your legs (this is a sign of disrespect, so is lying down).
- Bow to the statue of Buddha.
- Make offerings.



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Why do you think visiting the temple is important to many Buddhists?

Do you have any further questions about Buddhist temples?