

Exploring Our World



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About Aled and Siân

Aled and Siân love doing exciting things and exploring the world around them. In the *Exploring Our World* series Aled and Siân share some of their experiences with their Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim friends. Aled and Siân also enjoy listening to their friends' stories, and learn about how these relate to their own. This helps the friends get to know one another better.

The series takes seriously the social significance of religion and is based on extensive research into how children learn about themselves, others and the world in which they live.

To support this storybook series, there is a large range of free downloadable resources for children and teachers available at hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources and st-marys-centre.org.uk

The storybooks and activities are devised for 3- to 5-year-olds and 5- to 7-year-olds, but the downloadable resources make the series relevant for younger and older children too.

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3- to -5-year-olds Celebrations Myself and Others Times and Seasons

5- to -7-year-olds Journeys Special People Signs and Symbols





Why do Aled and Siân get ready for their journey?



What is special about this station?



Why do you think people travel to visit old railway lines?



What do Aled and Siân see on their journey?



What do you think Aled and Siân enjoyed most about their journey?



Why do Peter and Mary get ready for their journey?



What is special about this cathedral?



Why do you think people travel to visit cathedrals?



What do you think Peter and Mary enjoyed most about their journey?



Why do Nathan and Rachel get ready for their journey?



What is special about this synagogue?



Why do you think people travel to visit synagogues?



What do you think Nathan and Rachel enjoyed most about their journey?



Why do you think Ahmed and Salma get ready for their journey?



What is special about the mosque?



Why do you think people travel to visit mosques?



What do you think Ahmed and Salma enjoyed most about their journey?



Why do Rajeev and Meena get ready for their journey?



What is special about this temple?



Why do you think people travel to visit temples?



What do you think Rajeev and Meena enjoyed most about their journey?



Do you have any friends who are Christian, Jewish, Muslim or Hindu?



Have you been on a special journey?



Why do you think that journeys are important?

Aled and Siân are exploring special journeys and they visit an old railway station. When they return, Aled and Siân tell their friends all about their day out and they listen to their friends' stories too. As the stories unfold, Aled and Siân begin to see how the religions of the world affect their friends' lives.

