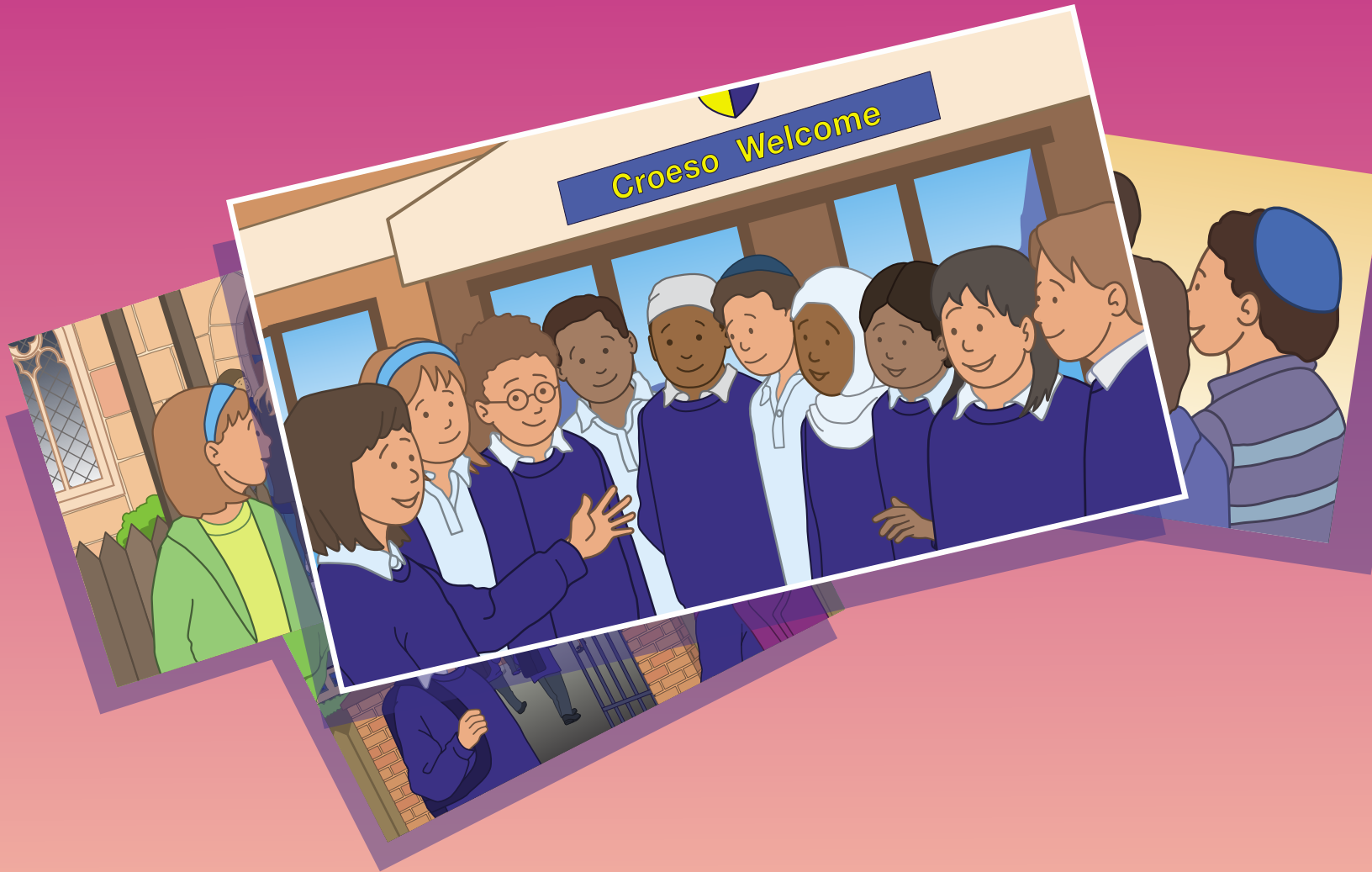


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About Aled and Siân

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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Times and Seasons

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

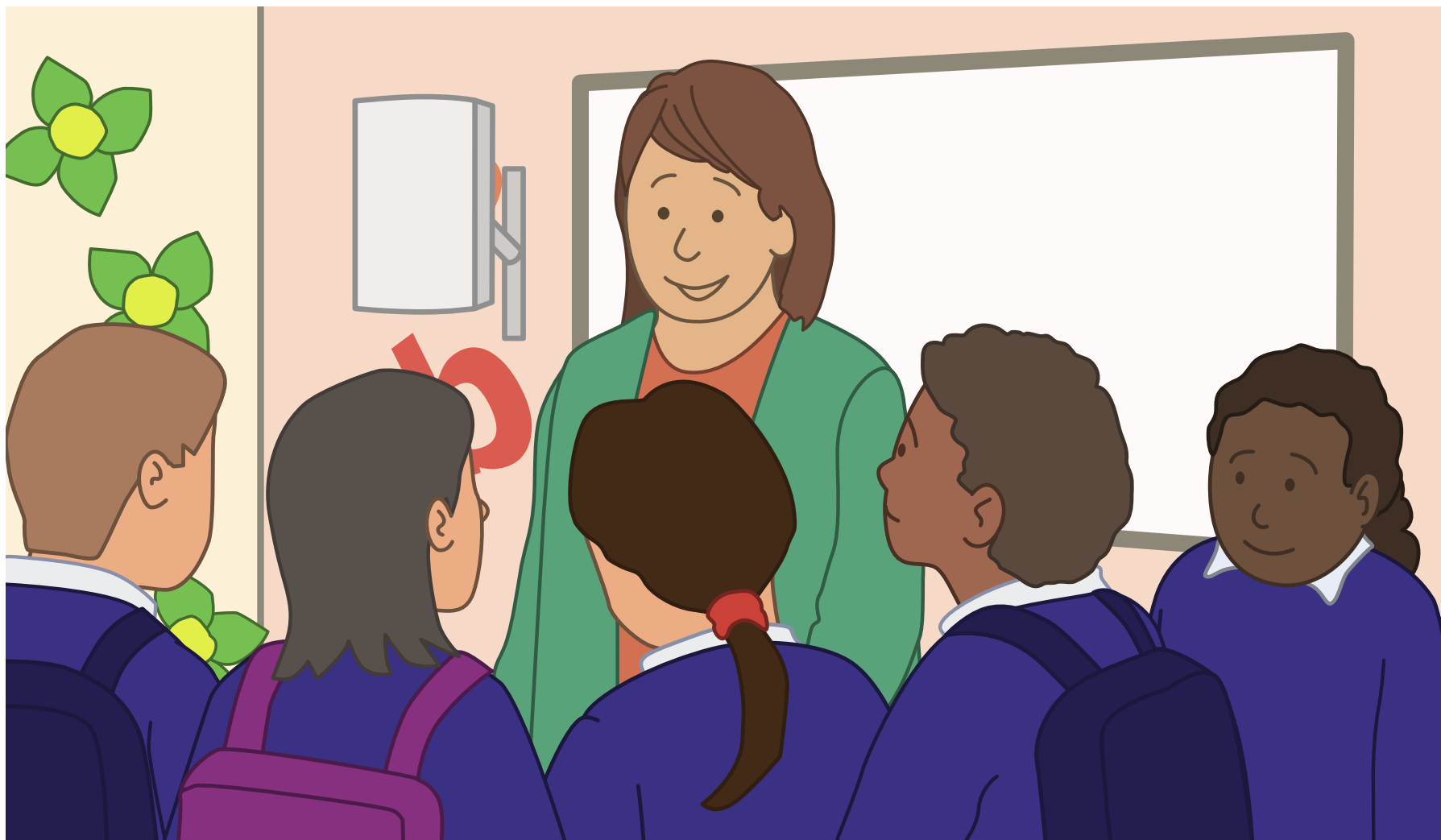




Aled and Siân like exploring the world around them. Today they are going to school for the first time.



Aled and Siân walk through the gate and up the path to their school. The school looks welcoming and friendly.



Inside the school they meet their teacher. She smiles and says, “Hello, Aled and Siân. Come in and enjoy our school family.”



Inside the school they meet new friends. Together Aled and Siân learn about their school family.



Inside the school they read stories and play games together. Aled and Siân feel safe and happy in their school family.



Peter and Mary walk through the gate and up the path to their church. The church looks welcoming and friendly.



Inside the church they meet the vicar. She smiles and says, “Hello, Peter and Mary. Come in and enjoy our Christian family.”



Inside the church they meet new friends. Together Peter and Mary learn about their Christian family.



Inside the church they read the Bible and sing together. Peter and Mary feel safe and happy in their Christian family.



Nathan and Rachel walk through the gate and up the path to their synagogue. The synagogue looks welcoming and friendly.



Inside the synagogue they meet the rabbi. She smiles and says, “Hello, Nathan and Rachel. Come in and enjoy our Jewish family.”



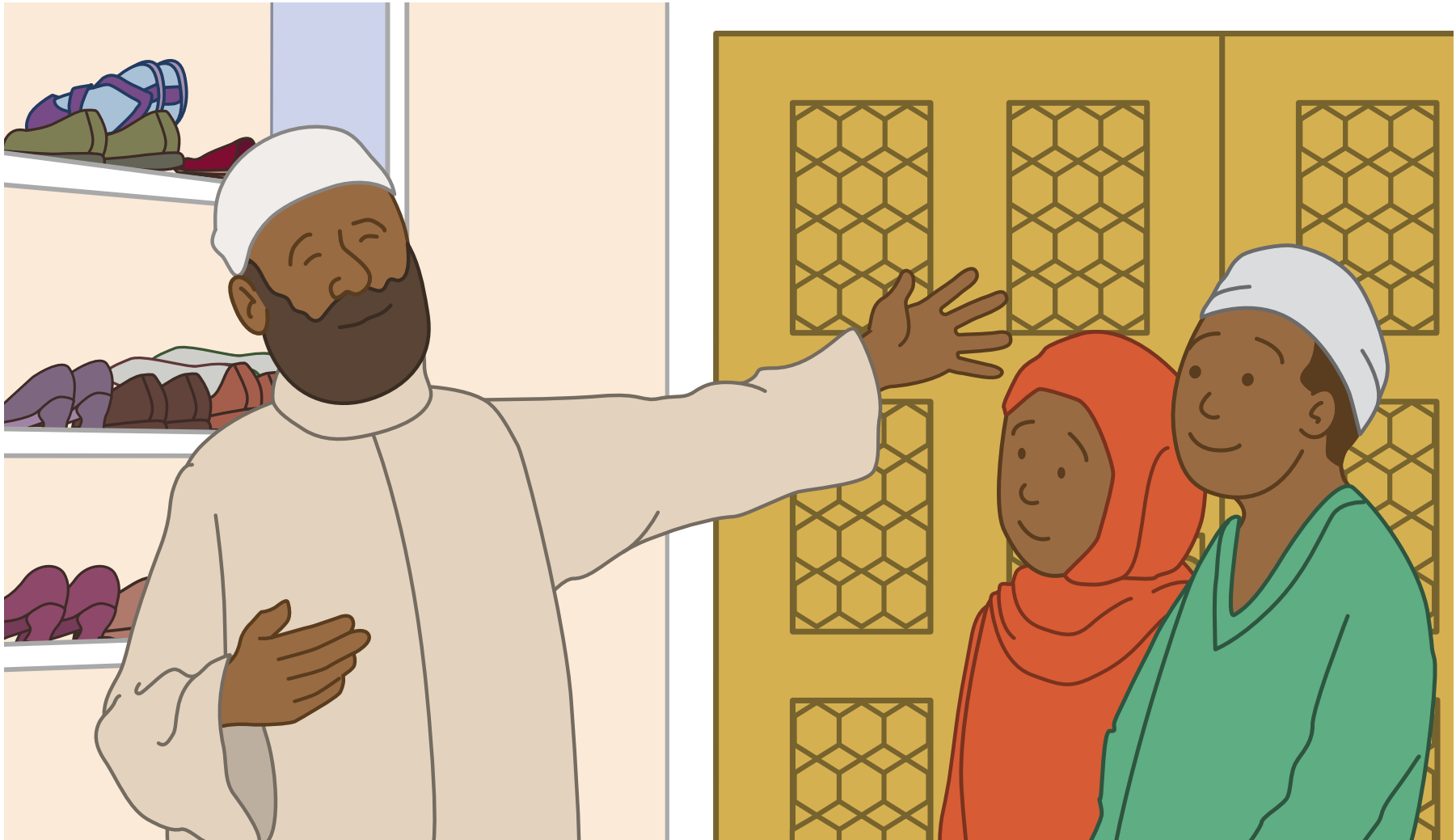
Inside the synagogue they meet their new friends. Together Nathan and Rachel learn about their Jewish family.



Inside the synagogue they read the Torah and sing together. Nathan and Rachel feel safe and happy in their Jewish family.



Ahmed and Salma walk through the gate and up the path to their mosque. The mosque looks welcoming and friendly.



Inside the mosque they meet the imam. He smiles and says, “Hello, Ahmed and Salma. Come in and enjoy our Muslim family.”



Inside the mosque they meet their new friends. Together Ahmed and Salma learn about their Muslim family.



Inside the mosque they read the Qur'an and pray together. Ahmed and Salma feel safe and happy in their Muslim family.



Rajeev and Meena walk through the gate and up the path to their temple. The temple looks welcoming and friendly.



Inside the temple they meet the priest. He smiles and says, “Hello, Rajeev and Meena. Come in and enjoy our Hindu family.”



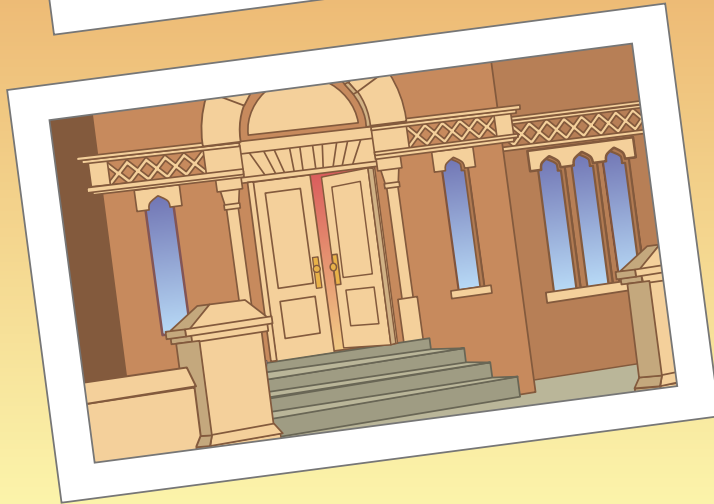
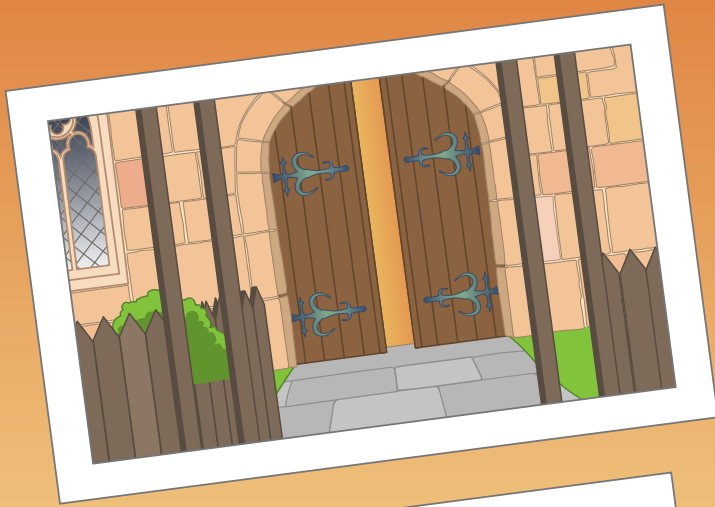
Inside the temple they meet their new friends. Together Rajeev and Meena learn about their Hindu family.



Inside the temple they read the Gita and make music together. Rajeev and Meena feel safe and happy in their Hindu family.



Aled and Siân enjoy their school family and making new friends. Their friends have many stories to tell.



Aled and Siân enjoy hearing about the families in the church, in the synagogue, in the mosque, and in the temple.



Aled and Siân's school brings all these families together. Together they listen to each other's stories.

Today is Aled and Siân's first day at school. They learn about the school family. Aled and Siân's new friends share stories about their other families. They are excited to hear about the big families of Christians, Hindus, Jews and Muslims.



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