

Exploring Our World

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An Aled and Siân Book



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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





Aled and Siân are telling their friends all about their special visit to see the nurse in the Health Centre.



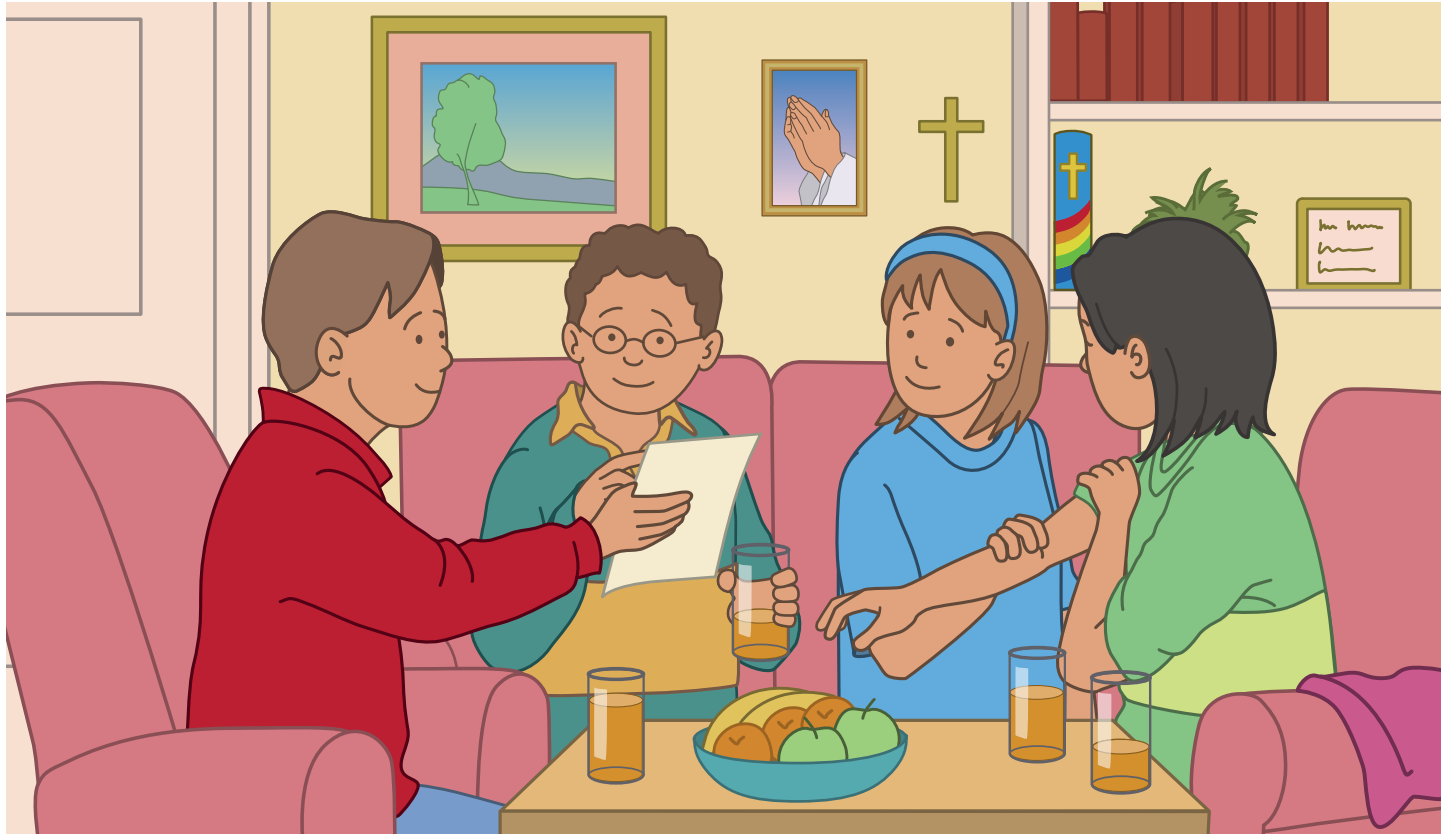
They talked with the nurse who was wearing a very smart uniform.
They saw her name badge.



The nurse told them that her job was to help people live healthy lives.



Aled and Siân rolled up their sleeves to get a booster jab from the nurse. They each took home the certificate to remind them of the day.



Aled and Siân were so excited about seeing the nurse. Now they want to hear about their friends' stories as well.



Peter and Mary tell Aled and Siân about their special visit to see the vicar in the church.



They talked with the vicar who was wearing a black cassock.
They saw her white collar.



The vicar told them that her job was to help people live healthy Christian lives.



Peter and Mary knelt down to get a blessing from the vicar. They each took home a little cross to remind them of the day.



Nathan and Rachel tell Aled and Siân about their special visit to see the rabbi in the synagogue.



They talked with the rabbi who was wearing a prayer shawl. They saw her many tassels.



The rabbi told them that her job was to help people live healthy Jewish lives.



Nathan and Rachel stood to hear the rabbi reading the Torah. They each took home a little scroll to remind them of the day.



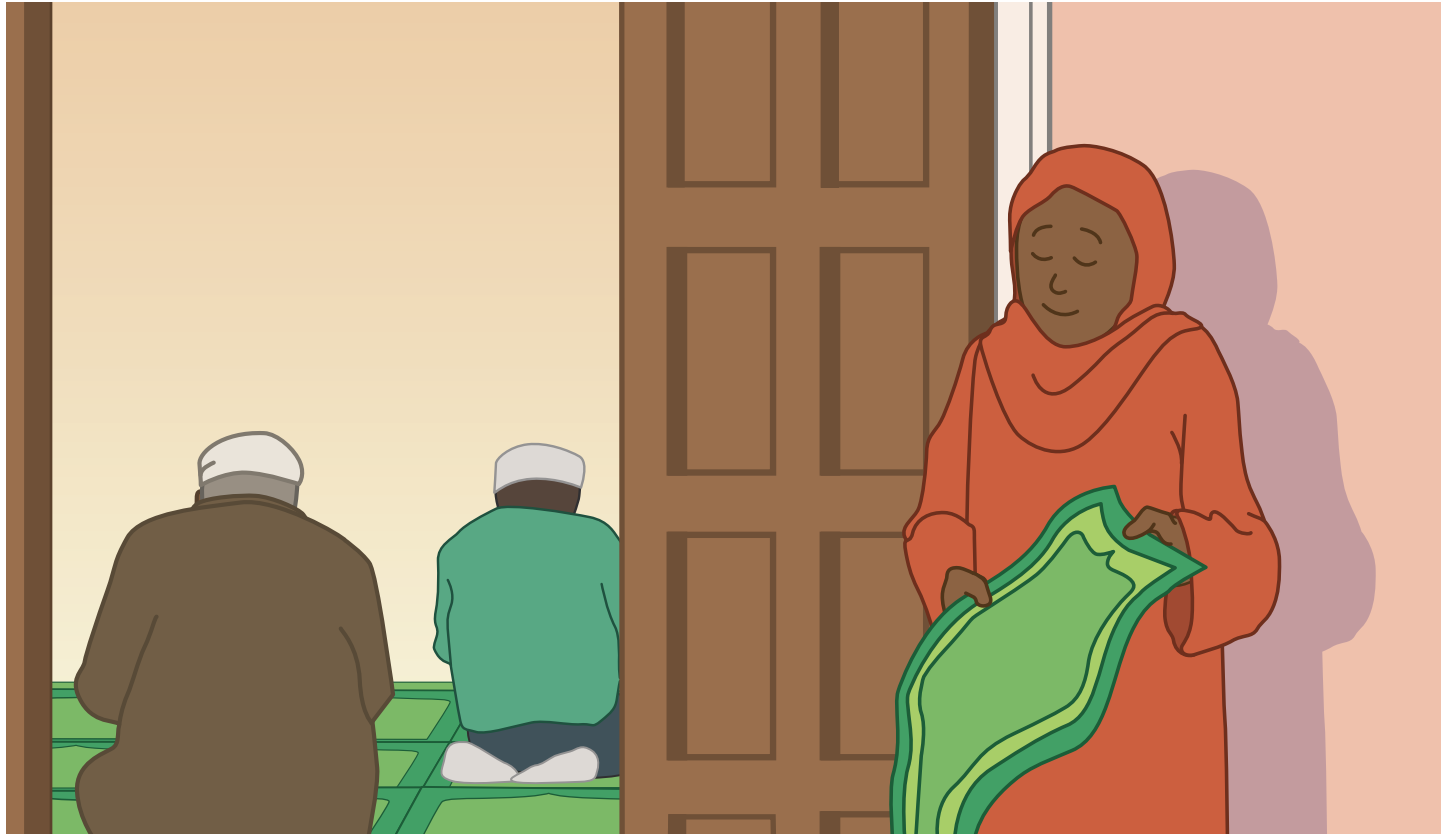
Ahmed and Salma tell Aled and Siân about their special visit to the see the imam in the mosque.



They talked with the imam who was wearing a light tunic. They saw his white prayer cap.



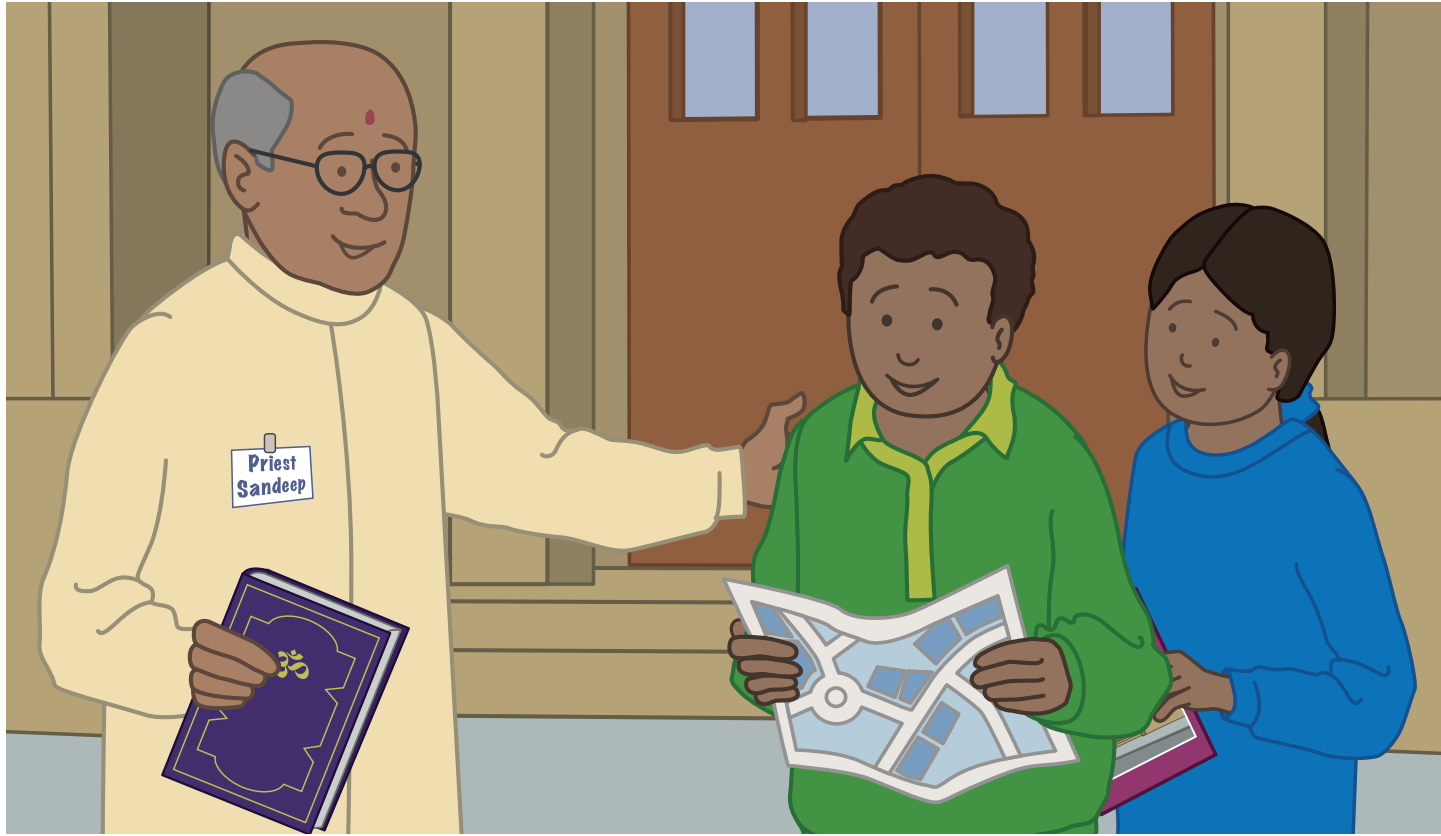
The imam told them that his job was to help people live healthy Muslim lives.



Ahmed and Salma knelt down to pray with the imam. They each took home a little prayer mat to remind them of the day.



Rajeev and Meena tell Aled and Siân about their special visit to see the priest in the temple.



They talked with the priest who was wearing a long robe. They saw the mark on his forehead.



The priest told them that his job was to help people live healthy Hindu lives.



Rajeev and Meena stood still to get a blessing from the priest. They each took home a little Ganesh to remind them of their day.



Aled and Siân enjoyed listening to their friends Peter and Mary, Nathan and Rachel, Ahmed and Salma, Rajeev and Meena.



They imagined seeing the vicar in the church, the rabbi in the synagogue, the imam in the mosque, and the priest in the temple.



Aled and Siân heard how the religions of the world help people to live healthy lives in Wales.



Aled and Siân are exploring special people and they visit a nurse in the Health Centre. When they return, Aled and Siân tell their friends all about their visit and they listen to their friends' stories too. As the stories unfold, Aled and Siân begin to see how the religions of the world also help their friends' live healthy lives.



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