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Key Questions

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About Aled and Siân

Aled and Siân love exploring the places where they live and the places they go to visit. They enjoy playing 'I Spy' to help them get to know these places better. In the *Exploring Why* series Aled and Siân are curious to find out why some of the things around them are important to their Christian, Jewish and Muslim friends.

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 5- to 7-year-olds, but the downloadable resources make the series relevant for younger and older children too.

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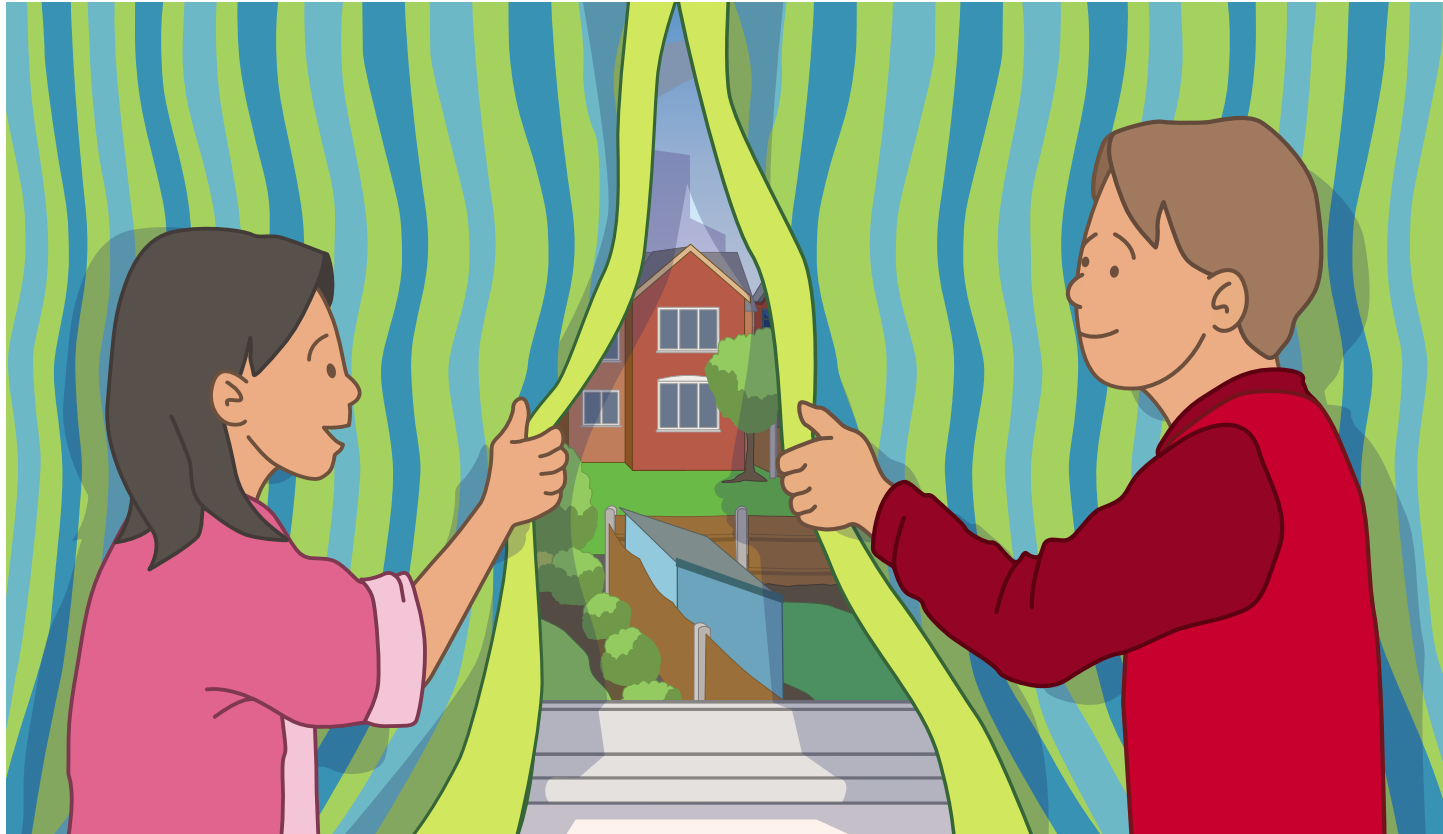
Titles in the *Exploring Why* series are:

Bread
Cross
Light
Menorah
Veil
Water
Symbols of Faith





Aled and Siân are playing 'I spy'. Today they are looking for different kinds of light. I wonder how many different kinds of light they will see and where they will see them.



What do you think Aled and Siân will see outside their window?



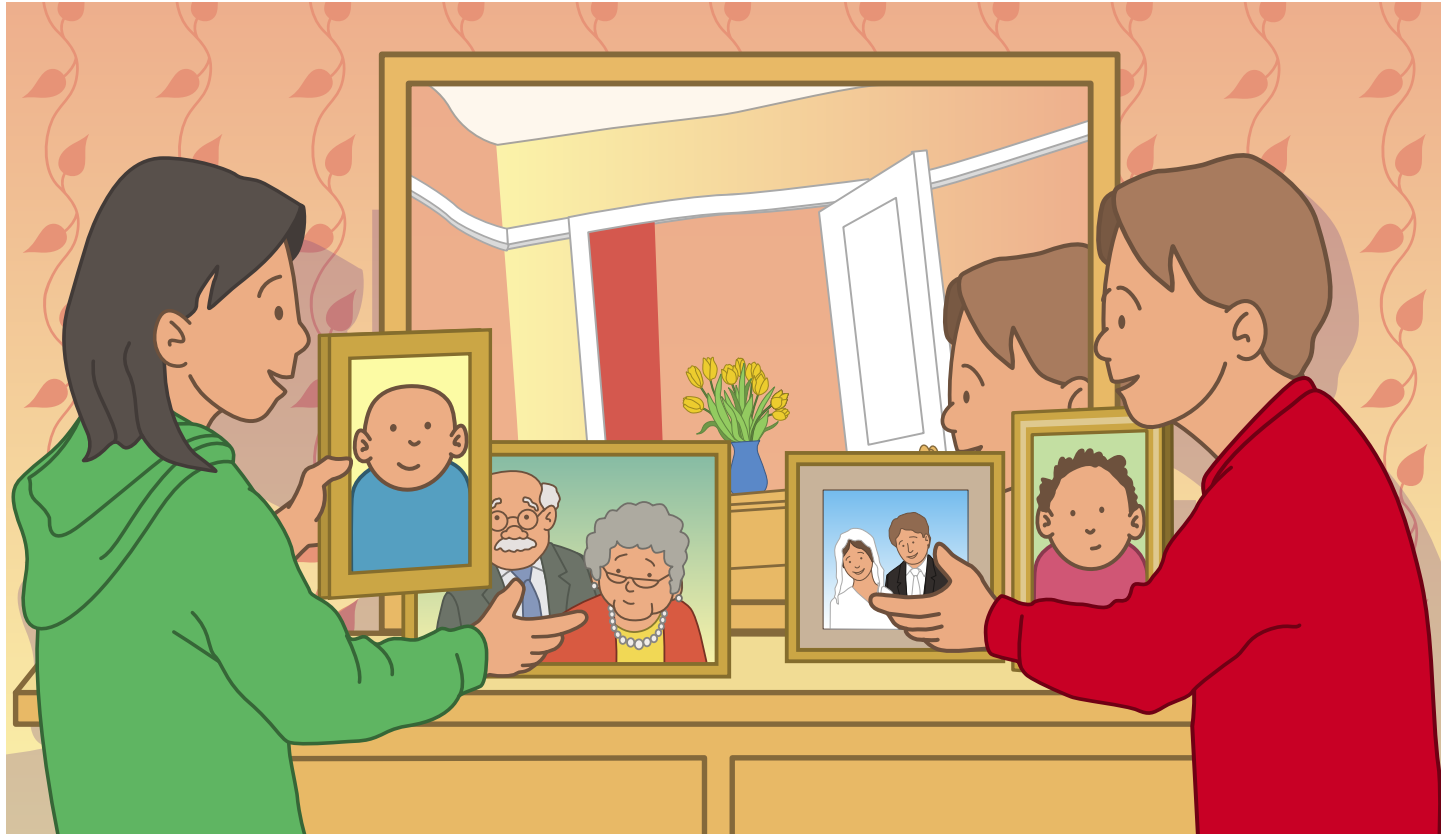
What can you see outside Aled and Siân's bedroom window?



Why do you think Aled and Siân's mother is giving clothes to charity?



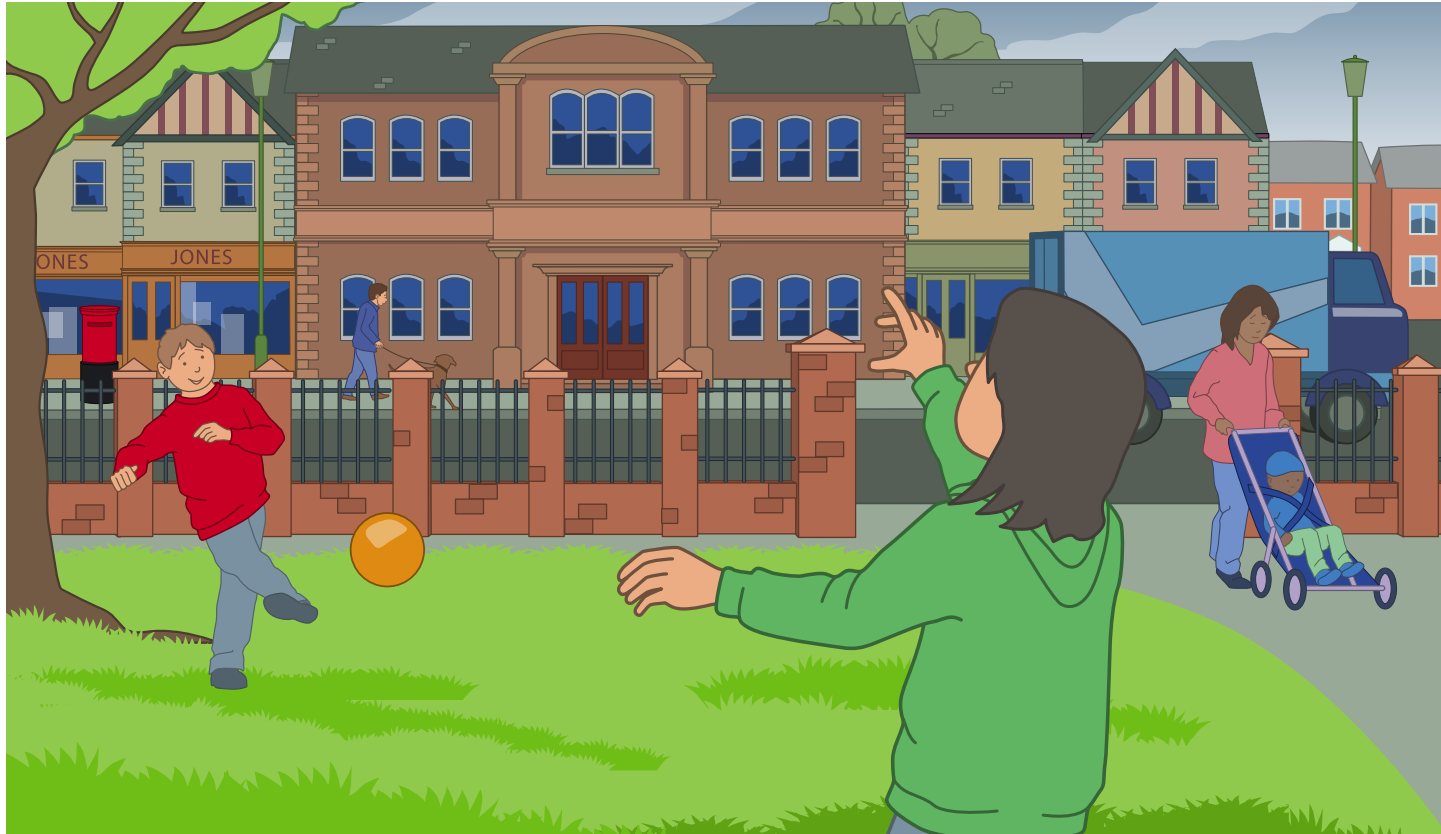
What can you see in the attic? Why are they there?



Who are the people in the photographs?



How many toys can you see in the boxes? What other toys would you like to see there?



What does thunder sound like? How does it make you feel?



What does lightning look like? How does it make you feel?



What can you see on the war memorial? Why do you think the war memorial is there?



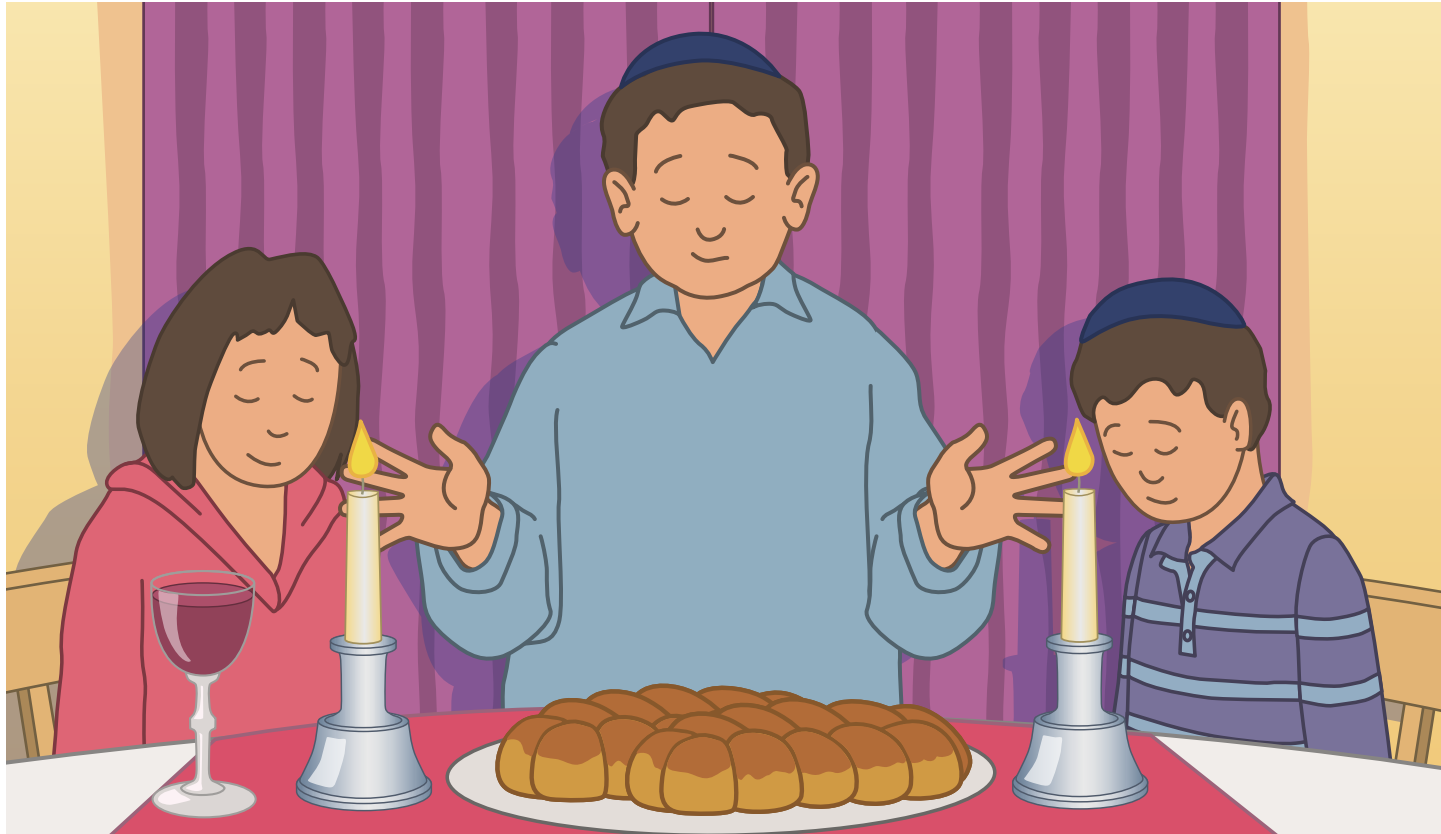
What can you see on the table? When do you use candles at home?



What are Aled and Siân and their friends doing?



What can you see on the table? When do you have special food at home?



What are Nathan and Rachel and their father doing?



How many different lights can you see? Which light is the brightest?



What can you see in the picture? What other things would you like to add to the picture?



How can you tell it is night? What other things would you like to add to the picture?



What can you see on the mountain?



What is Moses carrying? Why is Moses looking so bright?



Why are Nathan and Rachel saying thank you? When do you say thank you?



What is different about the candle in this picture?



What have Aled and Siân learned about light?

Aled and Siân are playing 'I Spy' and today they are looking for 'Light'. They find light in all kinds of places around where they live. When Aled and Siân visit their friends, Nathan and Rachel, they start asking an important question – "I wonder why light is so important for Shabbat?" With the help of Nathan and Rachel, Aled and Siân begin to find some answers.

