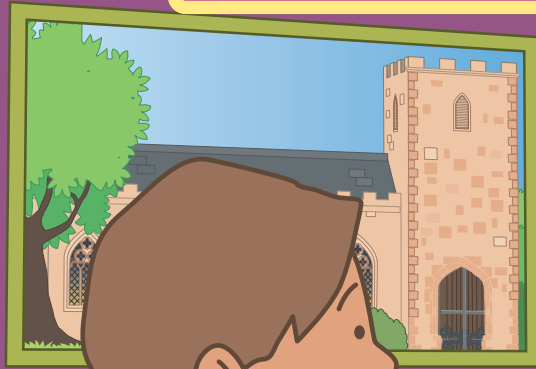


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An Aled and Siân Book



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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](http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources) and [st-marys-centre.org.uk](http://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 visiting the Festival of Faiths in their town hall. They are looking for symbols of faith.



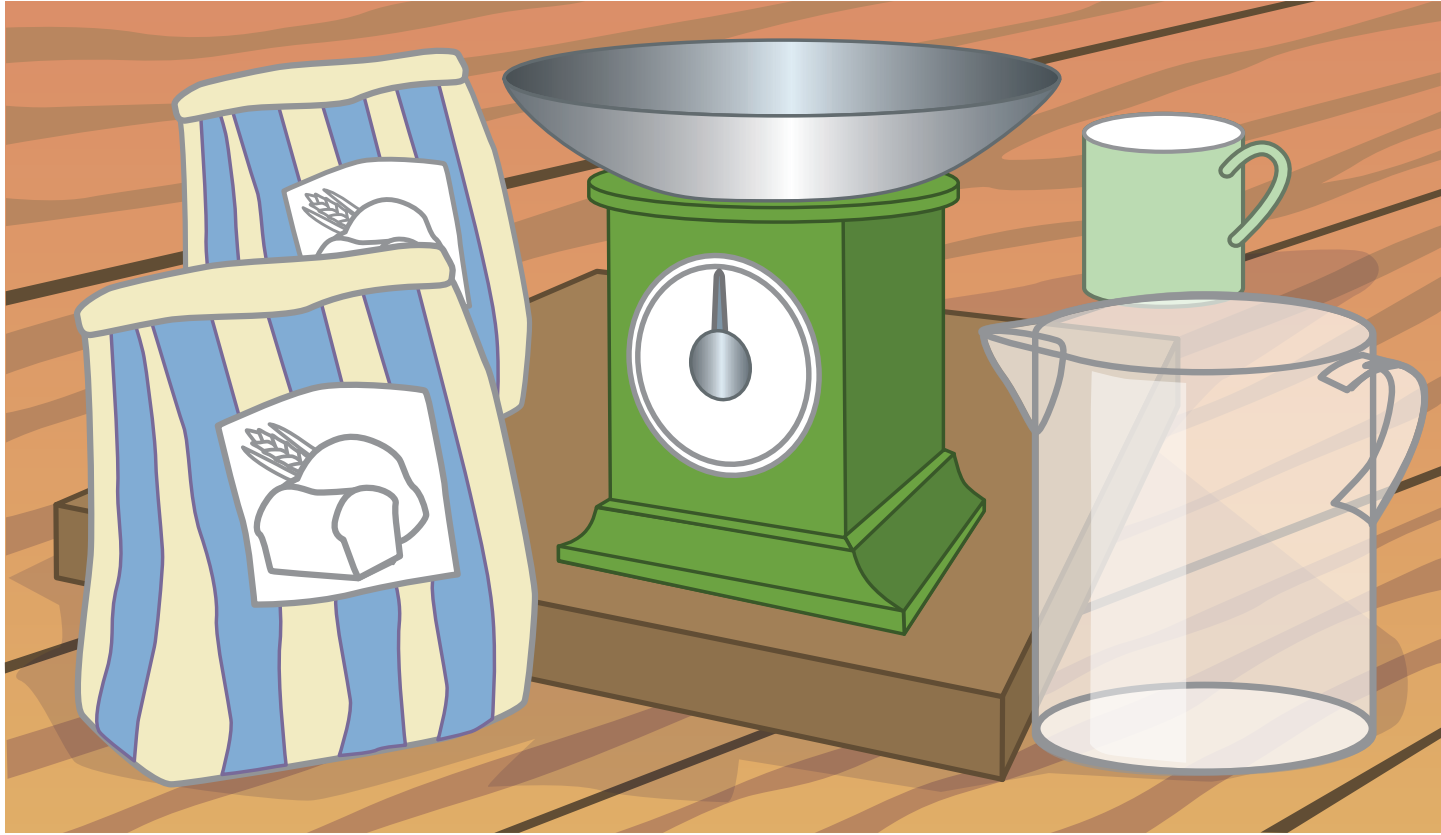
Aled and Siân walk into the large meeting room. They see pictures of the synagogue and the rabbi.



Aled and Siân see pictures of the mosque and the imam. They see pictures of the church and the vicar.



Aled and Siân see their friends Peter and Mary with their mother, who had taken them to the local church.



There in the kitchen, Peter and Mary's mother is busy baking bread and inviting others to help her.

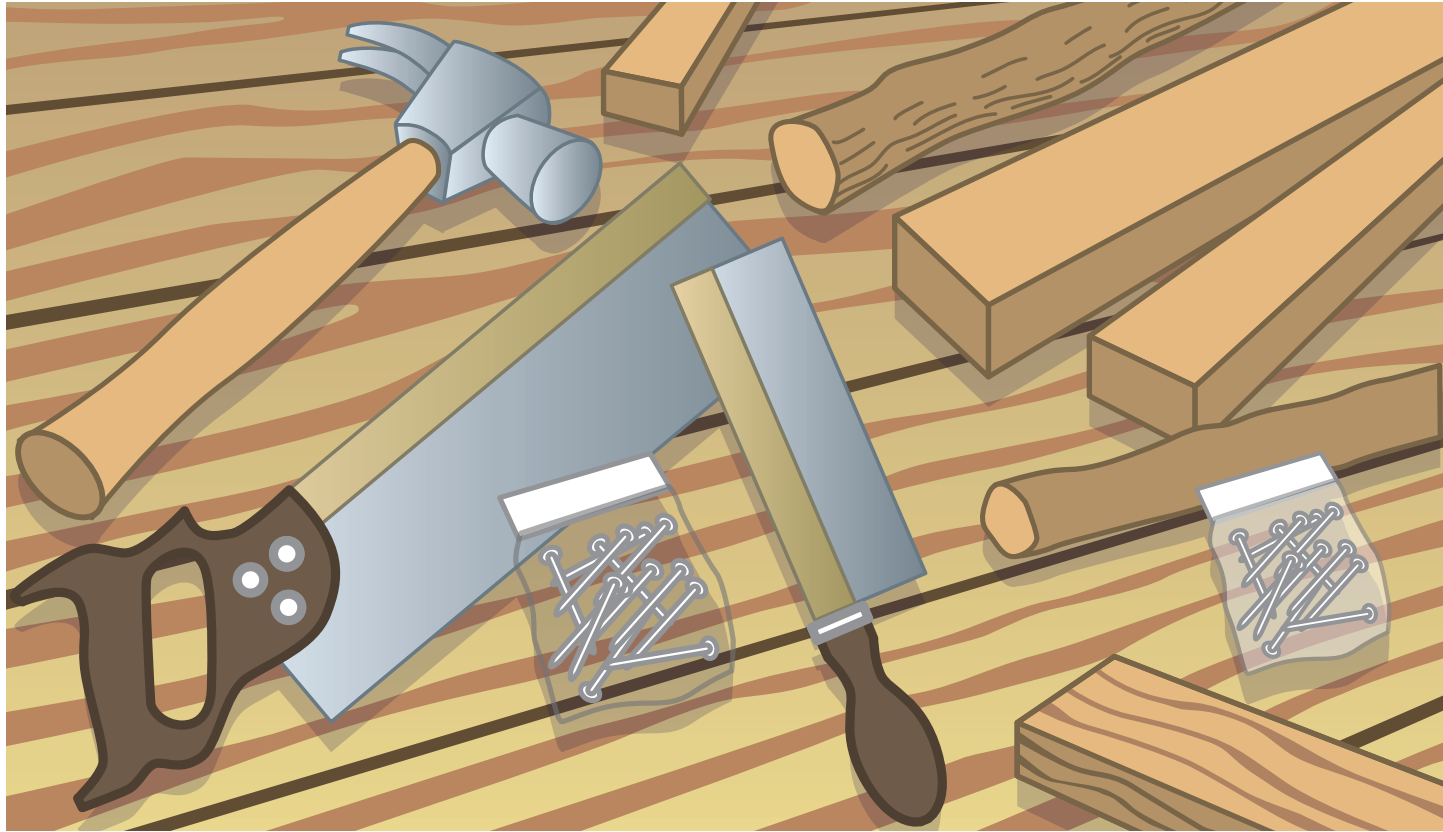




They take the yeast and knead it with the dough before putting it into the oven.



“We know why bread is so important to Christians,” said Aled and Siân together.



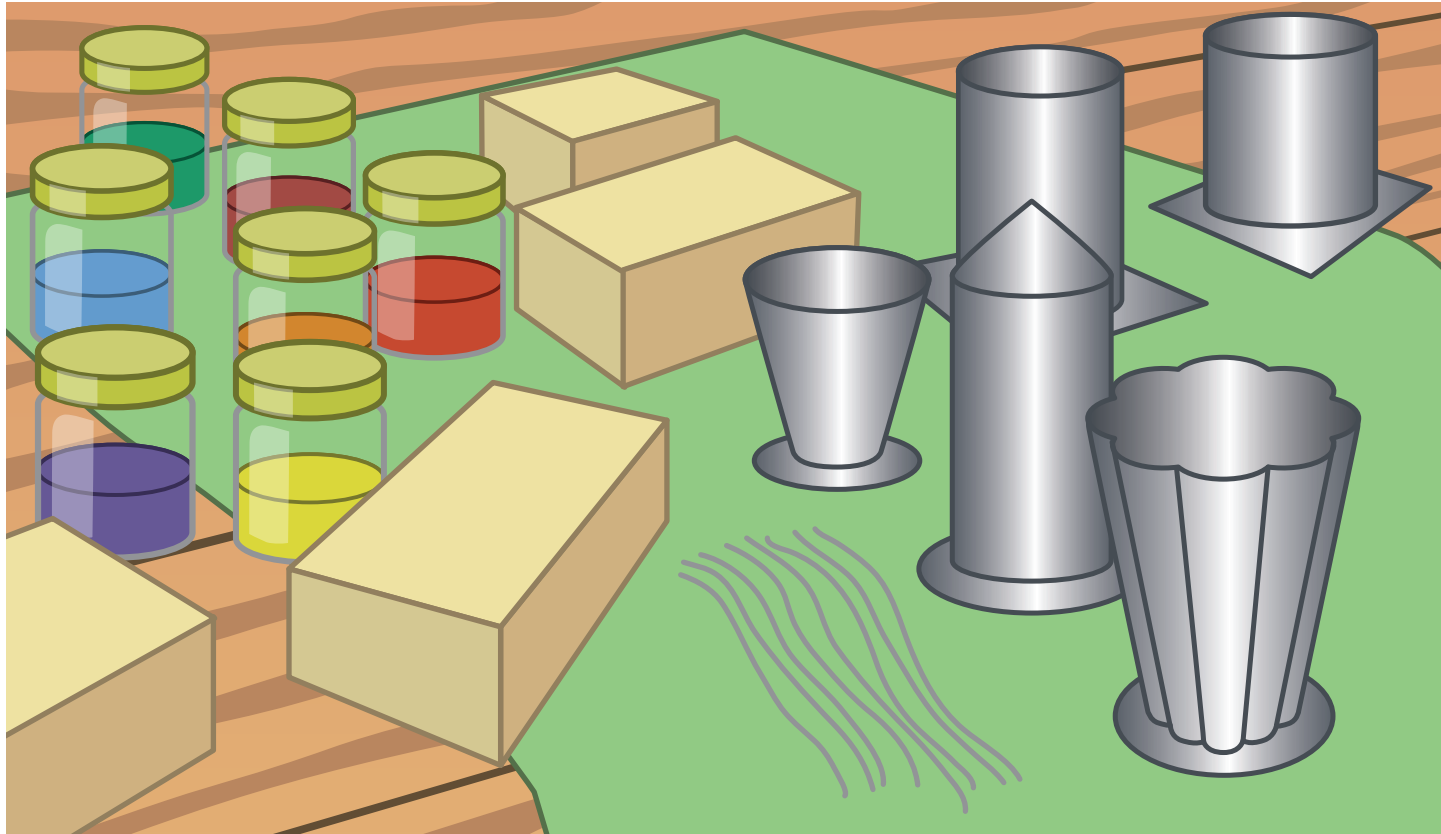
There in the workshop, Peter and Mary are busy making crosses and inviting others to help them.



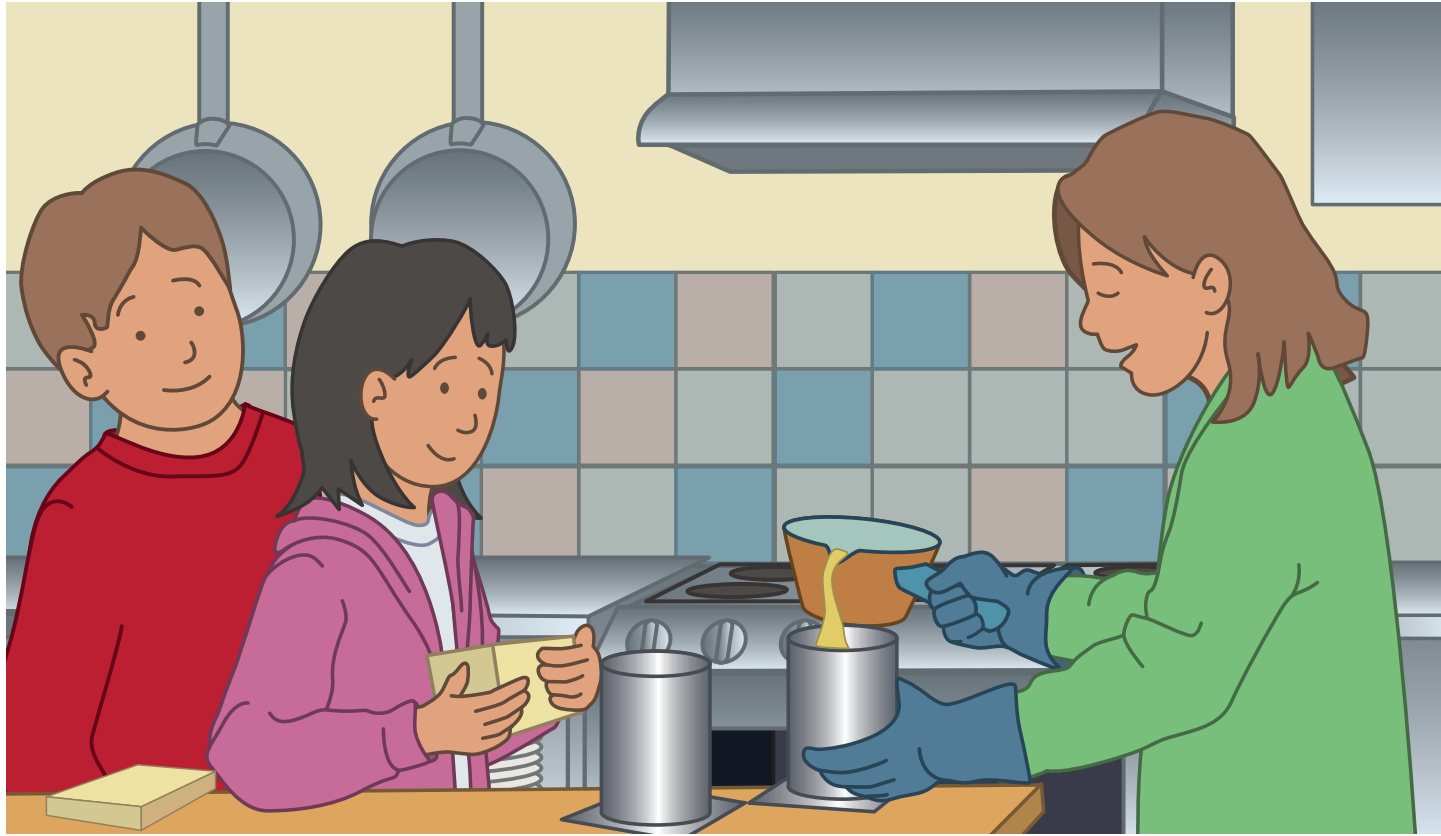
They take pieces of wood and cut them into shape. “We know why the cross is so important to Christians,” said Aled and Siân together.



Aled and Siân see their friends Nathan and Rachel with their mother, who had taken them to the local synagogue.



There in the kitchen, Nathan and Rachel's mother is busy making candles and inviting others to help her.



They take the hot wax very carefully and pour it into moulds with the wick running through the middle.



“We know why light is so important to Jews,” said Aled and Siân together.





There in the workshop, Nathan and Rachel are busy making menorahs and inviting others to help them.



They take the large sheets of card and cut them carefully into shape. “We know why the menorah is so important to Jews,” said Aled and Siân together.



Aled and Siân see their friends Ahmed and Salma with their father, who had taken them to the local mosque.



There in the kitchen, Ahmed and Salma's father is busy filling jugs with water and inviting others to help him.



They pour the water from the jugs into bowls for people to wash their hands.



“We know why water is so important to Muslims,” said Aled and Siân together.



There in the workshop, Ahmed and Salma are busy making veils and inviting others to help them.



They take large rolls of cloth and cut them carefully into shape. “We know why the veil is so important to Muslims,” said Aled and Siân together.





With bread and crosses, candles and menorahs, water and veils, the friends celebrate symbols of their faiths together.

Aled and Siân are playing 'I Spy' and today they are looking for 'symbols of faith'. They visit a Festival of Faiths in their town hall and find many symbols of faith there. As they take part in the Festival's exciting activities, they remember why each of these symbols is important to their friends.

