

# Medieval Religion

What can the images of churches tell us about religion in the Middle Ages?



1. Fill in the blanks:

In the middle ages, the only religion was the \_\_\_\_\_ religion. Everybody went to \_\_\_\_\_.

The services were in \_\_\_\_\_ but there were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to help ordinary people understand. People believed that by going to church, they would get to \_\_\_\_\_. People left money to the church so that when they died the priest would say prayers for their soul so that they would not go to \_\_\_\_\_, the place between heaven and hell.

**Latin   Purgatory   Catholic   Paintings   Heaven   Statues   Church**

2. How was the church structured?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Duties:
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3. A **tithe** was:

## Doom Paintings

Answer the following questions in **FULL SENTENCES**.

4. What were doom paintings?



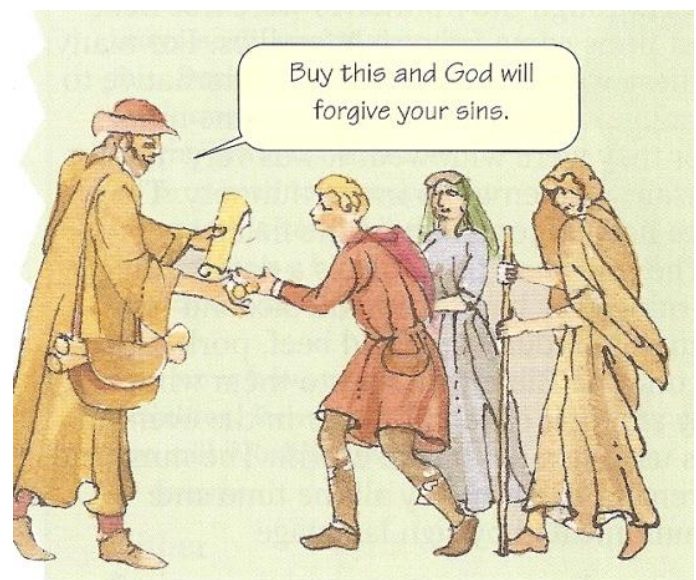
5. Why do you think the church created them?

6. Using the paintings you looked at, use 5 words to describe what hell seemed like.

7. In what ways are the people being punished?

8. Do you think that seeing these paintings in church would make people afraid of going to hell? **Why/why not?**

9. Would you be tempted to pay the church to take your sins away?





## Routes to Heaven

Walk around the room to view the information on the 4 different routes to heaven.  
Record at least 3 pieces of information about each route.



<b>Route 1</b>			
<b>Route 2</b>			
<b>Route 3</b>			
<b>Route 4</b>			

1. Which route(s) would you recommend to:
  - a. A peasant and his wife, poor hardworking peasants.
  - b. A rich merchant who travels around a lot.
  - c. The wife of a nobleman who died in the Crusades.
  - d. A tradesmen and his wife. Whilst not rich they have a little money to spare.