

Our concept is Symbols

**LO: I am learning to describe the concept of 'symbols' and how it affects my life, and the lives of Christians.**

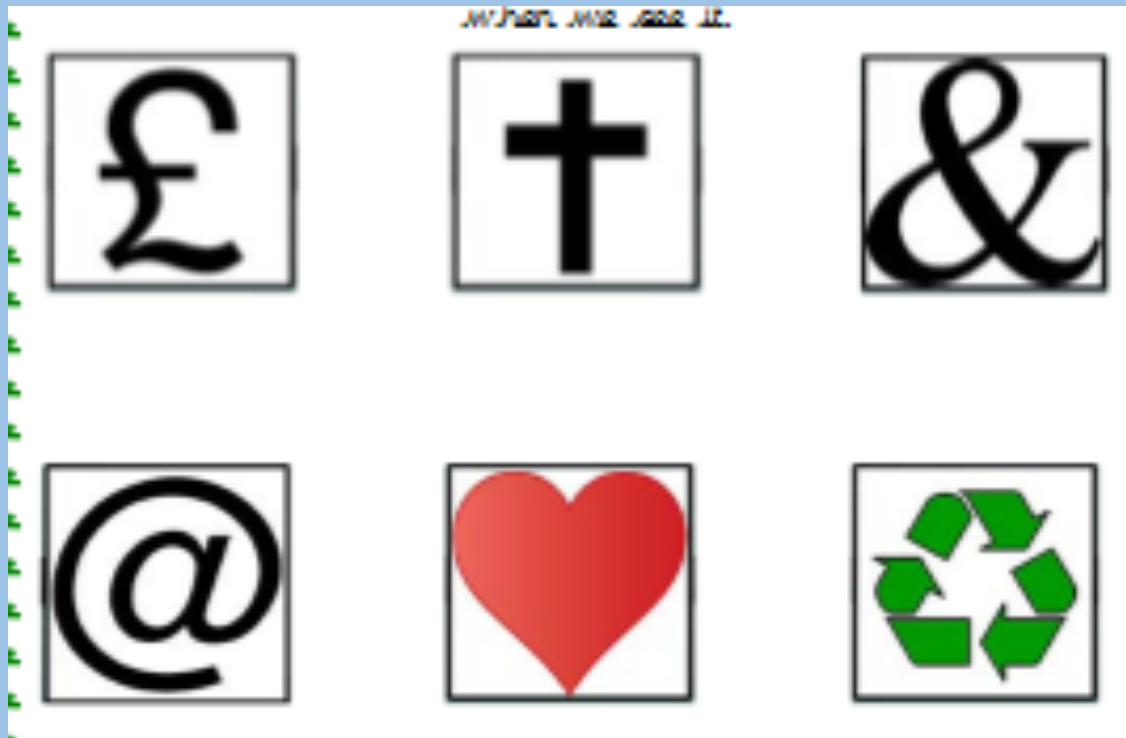
# What is a symbol?

A symbol is a mark or object that is used to represent something else

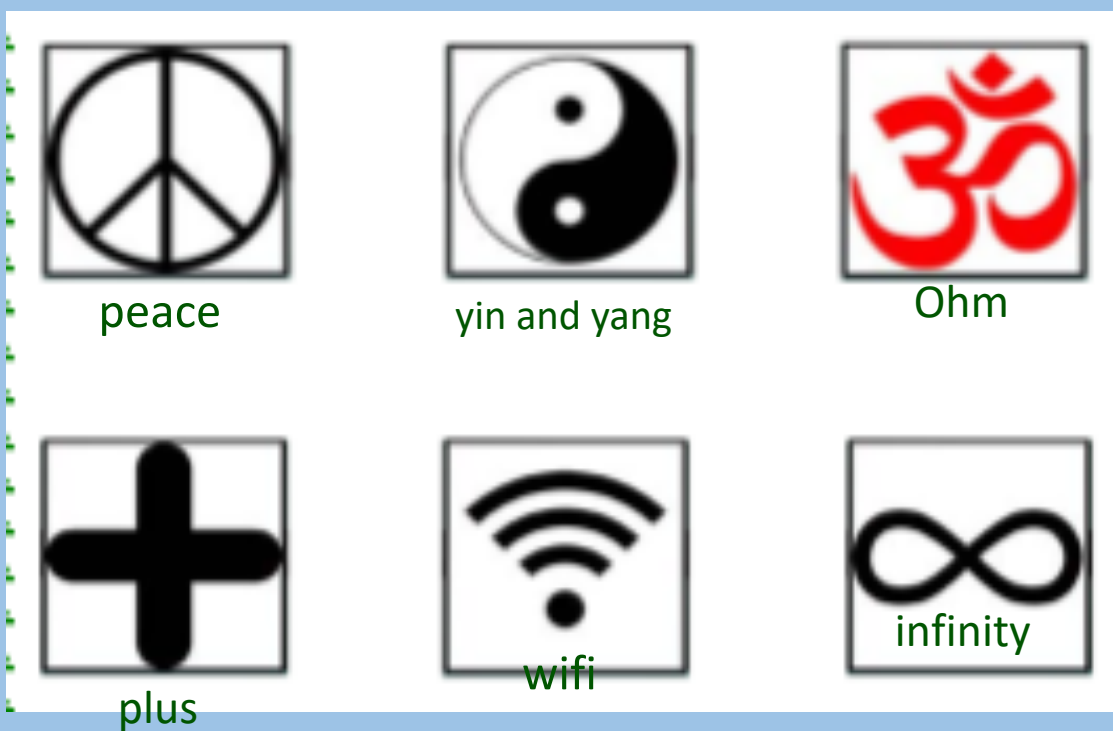
For example £ is used to represent currency  
(pound)

## Symbol Quiz

Which ones do you know?



How did you do?



# Do these symbols have the same importance?



Money is an object.

Christianity is a religion.

Think about these questions:

- How important is faith to someone's values?
- How important is money to someone's values?
- What makes something important?
- Will everyone have the same opinion on this question?



What adjectives could you use to describe this tree?



Green

Natural

Necessary  
for  
existence



# What could this tree symbolise?



**Nature**

They are important parts of nature.

**Strength**

They are very strong and can withhold awful weather/disasters.

**New beginnings**

Leaves/branches fall off and others grow.



# What do trees mean to others?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stuZaKB9j7I>

Click on the link above to watch a video on what trees symbolise.

Think of some of your own examples.

# What do trees symbolise?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHZwr1Y9JpA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oavSum61gA&list=PL1Xt80cKWmmEQ5ilB51j8zezZifuSiv1Q>

(from 30 seconds)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJgsaWD3prs>

Write down a list of what the trees symbolise in these clips.

# Thinking time

Look back at the list you created after watching the videos.

Do trees symbolise the same thing for everyone or is it different for individuals? Why do you think this is?



# Story time

Listen to this story and write down what each tree symbolises.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5qRzTOpOnk>

# Genesis 2:8-10, 15-17 – The Garden of Eden

8 Then the Lord God planted a garden in the East, in a place called Eden. He put the man he had formed in that garden. 9 The Lord God caused every beautiful tree and every tree that was good for food to grow out of the ground. In the middle of the garden, God put the tree that gives life. And he put there the tree that gives the knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river flowed through Eden and watered the garden. From that point the river was divided. It had four streams flowing into it.

15 The Lord God put the man in the garden of Eden to care for it and work it. 16 The Lord God commanded him, “You may eat the fruit from any tree in the garden. 17 But you must not eat the fruit from the tree which gives the knowledge of good and evil. If you ever eat fruit from that tree, you will die!”

Think about the bible story. What do the trees represent in this story and how does this relate to what they symbol? Are they important to the story?

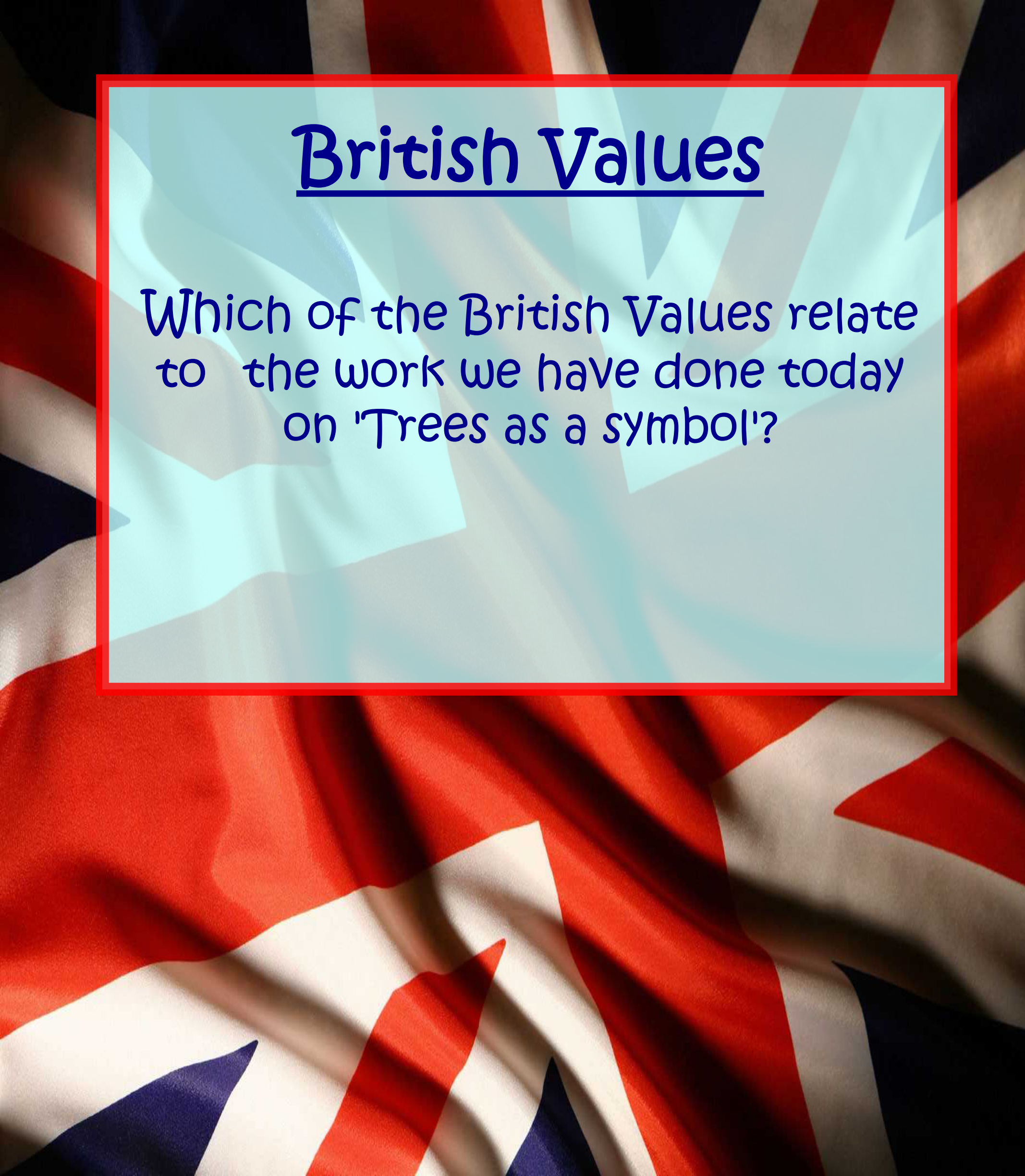
# How are the trees significant in the bible story?

Your task:

Write a paragraph explaining what you think trees mean to Christians using the bible story to help you.

Remember that a symbol **represents** something else. Think about why are they important and what they symbolise.



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# British Values

Which of the British Values relate to the work we have done today on 'Trees as a symbol'?





Democracy

Tolerance

Mutual  
Respect

Rule of Law

Personal  
Freedom