

## CD Roms

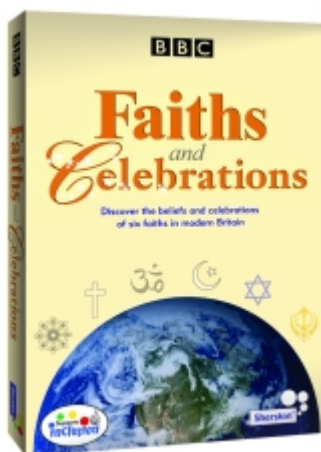
Because the Internet is so flexible (and of course cheap) in most cases it will fulfil your RE needs, but there are some RE CD- Roms available, a selection of which are presented here. CD Roms are most helpful for collections of first hand material you cannot find elsewhere and for interactive exercises.

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/itre/suppliers.php> has a list of RE Multimedia suppliers, although unfortunately not all of these seem to have a current website of their own, so you will have to resort to writing for catalogues. If you haven't got an RMEP Catalogue in school do download one from <http://www.rmep.co.uk/rmep.asp> - they sell a lot of the best resources.

One site worth a look is <http://www.childseyemedia.com/> where you can find their two "Festivals" DVDs which are especially good resources for **KS1**. These won the SHAP prize for religious media in 2007. You can see samples from the DVD online. The video/ DVD is accompanied by a free booklet packed with activities linked to the Early Learning Goals to follow up at school or at home. DVD extras include: easy to use menu, Child's Eye Spy Quiz, and song words. The two packs are (1) Chinese New Year / Divali / Eid –ul-Fitr/ Hanukkah and (2) Easter / Vaisakhi / Wesak /Christmas.

Of course there are quite a few other RE videos / DVDs around – Channel 4, for example, has Dottie and Buzz materials, animated world faiths etc. If it is actual interactive CD Roms you are looking for then there is less to choose from:

**There are several CD-Roms available which cover (most of) the six world faiths of the Agreed Syllabus. These include:**



BBC "Faith and Celebrations" for KS1, published by Sherston. This is a collection of six talking reference books. Each book is organised into simple topics to allow your pupils to focus on individual aspects of a faith. At the end of each topic is a 'Do you know?' task which aims to support and extend your pupils' understanding of the relevant faith. The CD also contains a variety of support material, including photographs and sound clips. Current price seems to be £59.95 for a single user, rising to £299.75 for a Network site pack.



At [www.birchfield.co.uk](http://www.birchfield.co.uk) you will find three CD Roms on the church, the mosque and the synagogue designed for KS2. These are 3D tours of the inside and outside of the buildings, which also

include information about leaders of the community etc. Current price £59.95.

Several CD-Roms are available through R-E-M at [http://www.r-e-m.co.uk/cgi-bin/xrem/M\\_6/S\\_48/G\\_2](http://www.r-e-m.co.uk/cgi-bin/xrem/M_6/S_48/G_2) These include:

- World Religions. From Indigo Learning. Designed for both KS2 and KS3. Covering Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism, the disc contains six hundred articles, one thousand colour photographs, drawings and diagrams and multimedia presentations. Sound effects accompany key events and practices. Glossary words and entry titles are spoken so children can hear the correct pronunciation of unfamiliar words. `Hot-linked` cross-references provide instant links to related articles whilst `Trail` lists the places you have visited, allowing you to retrace your steps. Also photocopiable worksheets. Cost £49.50.
- For KS1 there is Ready Resources: Religious Education 1 from Scholastic. This multimedia package includes selected galleries of images, sound, video and text extracts together with detailed background notes and photocopiable worksheets. It covers: Home, Family and Belonging; Celebrations; Places of Worship; Special Books and Stories. £25
- If you work with Kar2ouche you may like to consider “Understanding Religion” from Immersive Education, designed for KS2. Pupils can use it to compose role-plays, storyboards, movies and animations onscreen in minutes using drag and drop commands. An RE themed resources library including characters, sounds, backgrounds and props. You can add text, speech and thought bubbles, record voices and add sound effects, create and import images to provide personalised backgrounds to a storyboard, then share work as QuickTime movies or editable Kar2ouche files. .Kar2ouche Understanding Religion gives students the opportunity to learn about - and from - religion. They are asked to analyse, interpret and evaluate a wide range of issues from different religious perspectives, and to develop their own sense of identity and belonging as citizens. £39

For Christianity Resources the place to start looking is the Stapleford Centre’s extensive on-line shop at <http://www.stapleford-centre.org/> They are developing a



set of concept cracking CDs – so far the set includes Cracking Christmas, Easter, God, Church Life and Christianity, each costing £25. These are fully interactive – each one includes: a narration of the story or beliefs, interactive activities, lesson plans, activity sheets (including music and poetry), works of art (good enough for the interactive whiteboard), assemblies and web page links. Some of the CDs also have video clips.

Dioceses are also beginning to produce CD Roms as well. At <http://www.glosdioc.org.uk/education2/index.htm> You can find out about “Mark’s Family”. This CD features a Y6 boy and shows different photographs of his family life which includes his church life, worship in the local parish community and celebrating Christmas. There are also some useful comparison materials on Ukranian Christmas. There are tasks suggested relating to Christian values and to issues raised. At just £10 it’s a really helpful resource to cover that notoriously difficult topic of Christian family life!

REACT Multimedia also has a useful pack called “Christians:the life of a local church” designed for both KS2 and KS3 which can be found at <http://reactmultimedia.com/page2.html> It is £95 for a site licence version. It is probably one of the most useful general Christianity packs currently on the market.

Contents include: church building design: symbolism of key objects: baptism, confirmation, marriage & funeral services: sacraments, confession holy communion; Christmas: nativity play, carols in an OAP home, carols around the crib Midnight Mass, Christmas Day; Easter: Ash Wednesday, meditations around the Stations of the Cross, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day. It is packed with photos, sound, text, plans, models and tasks in an easy to access format designed to take pupils to the heart of key events in the life of a church. It also has interactive tasks including linking sounds with objects and events, designing a church service, planning a church building, guess the picture, jigsaw puzzles with extension questions. Plus there are 30 photocopiable worksheets with tasks for pupils at and away from the screen.



And **coming soon** (probably in May) look out for a multimedia and multinational pack on bishops which is being published to coincide with the Lambeth Conference 2008. This will be the first of a series of all singing and dancing Christianity resources from SEER.

*All resources mentioned in this list were still available in December 2007 at the price quoted. Please contact suppliers direct – not the Diocesan Resources Centre!*