



Modern Christian Martyrs from the Abbey's West Front, 1998

Under 11 activity – Christianity in 10 objects



What can you see?

Who do you think these figures might be?

Can you see any clues about where they are at the Abbey?

The modern martyrs that stand at West Front of Westminster Abbey are people who stood up for causes they believed in. Their Christian faith shaped how they understood the world and what was important to them. The modern martyrs were people who believed that the world could be better and wanted to create change in the world.

Today, we often call people who strive for change in the world, activists. For example, girls' education is a cause that's really important to Malala Yousafzai. She often gives speeches and has a charity which helps her carry out this work.



Malala Yousafzai speaking at the Commonwealth Service at Westminster Abbey in 2014

Talk with others

What causes matter to you? How do you think we can create a better world?

Perhaps caring for the environment really matters to you? Maybe equality is close to your heart? Or is making sure that everyone can go to school and learn important to you?

What would be the one thing you would change to make the world better?

Activity: Create a poster for a chosen cause

One way you can help create change in the world is by spreading awareness. By encouraging people to learn about things that need to change, you can help make the world a safe, kind and loving place for everyone.

Create a poster with key points of information about your chosen cause.

It could include powerful facts and figures or perhaps it could feature someone's story. You could include some simple actions that people can do to help support your cause and make the world a better place.

Extension

The government runs the country and makes laws. Decisions are made by the government in parliament. Did you know that the Houses of Parliament are next to Westminster Abbey?

In the UK, even if you cannot vote, you can make your voice heard by writing to your local MP (Member of Parliament). You could write to your local MP about an issue that matters to you. Can you think of a solution to the problem too?

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