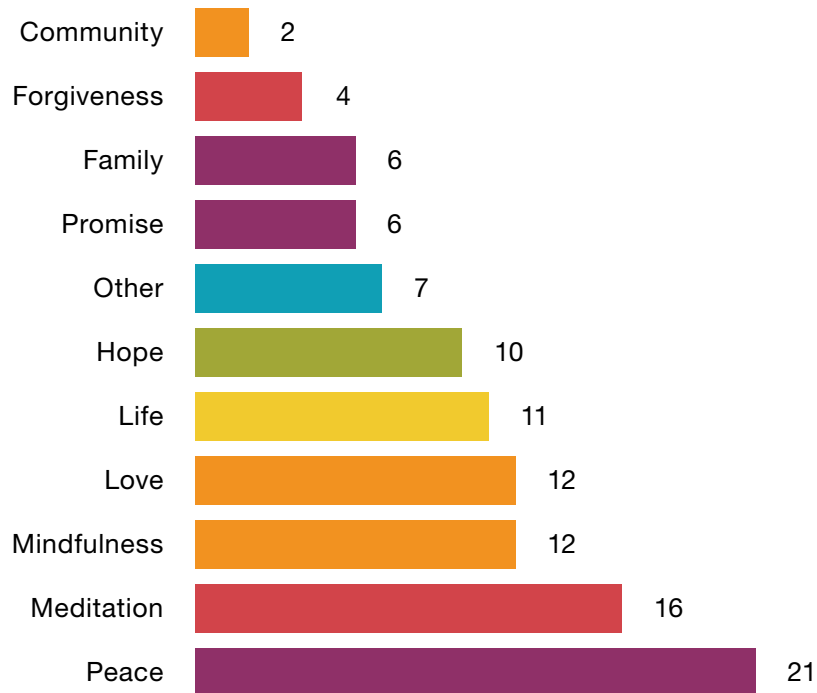


The information that is presented here has been created from responses that others have shared following time investigating the object at home with their families. Read more about what they thought of this object...

Object A



What key ideas, beliefs or values did others recognise in this object?



What might this object **symbolise** or make us think about?

Below are some suggestions from other people who spent time investigating this object. They thought it might symbolise the following...

God

- Reminds us of God's promise to listen to our prayers
- They might use it for representing one of the parts of God
- You might light it and pray to God
- Light of a deity
- The light of God
- Light the candle to symbolise the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit
- That God is with them

Hope

- A little candle like this can shine and brighten up a dark room
- To show hope and bring light
- The light of hope
- Light in the darkness
- Hope, guidance & security

Mindfulness

- Watching a flame can help focus
- It is a candle which might be used to think about something
- Relaxation

Peace

- Candles are relaxing and symbolic of peace
- The light of peace

Love

- Love and remembrance – giving thanks for someone's life
- Remembrance / memorial – to remember and celebrate with passed loved ones
- A feeling it might stir up

Other

- The fire of Pentecost that helped the disciples to travel the world and speak in different languages
- Celebrations
- Number of candles symbolise age
- Life
- Jewish Hanukkah

How might using the object help the believer **engage** with their beliefs?

Below are some suggestions from other people who spent time investigating this object. They thought that it may help the believer engage with their beliefs through...

Candles create a peaceful and calm atmosphere and so might help the person meditate.

Hope of a brighter life.

Light represents hope so could help the person with their belief.

They feel like their God is with them.

When they are relaxed, they connect with their God.

Maybe it might help them think about God and Jesus.

God will hear them when they light the candle.

To remember someone or something.

A moment to reflect.

Calming and mindful.

By speaking to the smoke going to heaven.

Scented candles used for relaxation and meditation can release relaxing scents. Light is a symbol of time.

Calming and mindful.

For thoughts and reflection.

Helps to focus when meditating.

Security, guidance & hope.

Give something to look at while remembering.

To see the light in dark.

To remember what Jesus did to save us from sin.

God's light is always there.

To show respect to people who don't have food.

What might be **similar** from other worldviews or family traditions?

Below are some suggestions from other people who spent time investigating this object. Here are some of the similarities that they found in traditions or worldviews that they follow...

God

- We use it to call god to listen and remember what Jesus did to save us.

Religious Traditions

- We light candles in church to remember people. We did this in a little chapel in Bulgaria too that we walk to when we visit.
- Buddhists focus on breath when meditating.
- Easter because you give up something.
- When Christians light a candle in assembly time.
- The lights on the tree at Christmas time, to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- We had an advent candle at Christmas.
- Christening candle.
- Communion.

Prayer

- In Christianity people often use a candle as a symbol of hope and may light a candle to represent a prayer.
- We light the candle when we pray.

Celebrations

- We light candles at special mealtimes for lighting up the room and for peace and relaxation.
- Light birthday candles
- Every year we use candles to celebrate age and getting older.
- In ancient Rome, the god of the sun baked a cake every year for her birthday.

Feelings

- I feel that we look toward the light in the way we lead our lives and in our attitudes. We have a sunny, positive, 'can do' approach.
- We light candles to bring light and hope

Everyday

- Lighting a normal candle