## FOLLOWERS - LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
9	1	2	WORSHIP	The Church is Holy	35: Monasteries

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes (Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ✓ ] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

**Prayer:** God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.

Starter: What happens in a Monastery?

Learning objectives: To learn about Monasteries and Monasticism in the Orthodox Church.

## Core Activities and Learning

**Explain** monasticism and how it started.

**Explore** some of the places where the monks established their communities. What is a pilgrim / pilgrimage?

Refer to St Anthony the Great, the father of monks. https://orthodoxwiki.org/Anthony\_the\_Great

**Group activity:** Choose a monastery from the following links or elsewhere. The leader will need to print information from the web sites or arrange internet access for the group. Ask the students, having chosen a monastery, to produce a poster attracting pilgrims to visit.

https://khanya.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/uktrip137.jpg

St John the Baptist Monastery at Tolleshunt Knights in Essex

http://www.victorianweb.org/art/parks/brookwood/5.jpg

The Monastery of the St Edward the Martyr Orthodox Brotherhood, Surrey

http://www.hotel-r.net/im/hotel/gb/the-iona-1.jpg

Iona Monastery. West Coast of Scotland (not now in use but historically very important)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Russian Orthodox monasteries

List of Russian Monasteries

http://www.macedonian-heritage.gr/Athos/Images/moni%20stavronikita/9673.jpg

Stavronikita Monastery, Mount Athos, Greece

https://orthodoxwiki.org/images/a/a6/Panteleimon\_Monastery.jpg

Panteleimon Monastery, Mount Athos

http://www.ouranoupoli.com/athos/athos.html

The Monasteries of Mount Athos

Resources: <a href="https://orthodoxwiki.org/Monasticism">https://orthodoxwiki.org/Monasticism</a></a>
<a href="https://www.goarch.org/ourfaith/ourfaith7103">https://www.goarch.org/ourfaith/ourfaith7103</a>
<a href="Paper">Paper</a>, pencils, colouring materials, glue.

**Review:** What is a Monastery?

**Follow Up:** Make a decision and a promise to God to visit a monastery sometime in the future.