



Rites of Passage

RE Y4



Key knowledge

How do different religions welcome babies into their faith?

Christianity: Children baptised at church. They are named by the vicar who puts holy water on the baby's head

Hinduism: A religious teacher uses astrology to tell the parents the initials of their baby.

Sikhism: Babies go the Gurdwara (Sikh temple) with their families as soon as possible after birth.

Judaism: Names are traditionally picked from ancestors.

Islam: The call to prayer is whispered into the baby's ear after birth.

Key Questions

How do religions celebrate milestones in peoples' lives?

Why are these events important within religions?

What can we learn from these celebrations about the beliefs of that community?

What similarities and differences are there in these celebrations and what do they teach us about these religions and human life?

Naming ceremonies

Aqiqah: Islamic

Baptism: Christian

Brit Millah: Jewish naming ceremony for boys

Brit Bat: Jewish naming ceremony for girls

Naam Karan: Sikhism

Namakarna: Hinduism

Links to prior learning and next steps:

Year 1/2/3: Comparing Christianity to other faiths

Year 5: Religions in India – Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism

Year 6: Morals

Links to other subjects:

Personal Development:
Growing and changing

