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Journeys



Key Concepts

Rites of passage, milestones and the journey of life

Birth ceremonies in Christianity, Islam and Hinduism - baptism and naming ceremonies Initiation into faiths as an adult - confirmation, sacred thread ceremony in Hinduism Marriage ceremonies - Christian and Hindu weddings (dependent on class vulnerability) End of life

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Key Festivals

Baptism - welcoming babies and children to church, the mandir and the mosque. Origins of baptism (John the Baptist and Jesus)

Decision making as a young adult - confirmation, adult baptism, bar/bat mitzvah, Khalsa ceremony, sacred thread ceremony

Marriage - Christian symbols, Hindu rituals

Key Facts

Life is a journey which we mark with various milestones

Rites of passage are key moments in life when life changes direction and decisions need to be made

People of faith have special rites of passage which they share with their community

John the Baptist first introduced baptism as a symbolic new start in life Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan by John

Children and adults can be baptised, joining their faith community.

Hindus and Muslims have naming ceremonies for babies.

Confirmation marks a young adult deciding to join their church.

Hindus have sixteen samskaras (rites) during childhood- the last being the sacred thread

Marriage marks the beginning of a new phase in an adult's life.

Most religious people believe that this life is just one stage.

Key Vocabulary

Journey - an act of travelling
Rite of passage - ceremony or event of an important
stage of life

Baptism

Font – a container in a church that holds water

Confirmation - A ceremony in which someone is confirmed into the Christian Church

Sacred thread ceremony- A Hindu ritual primarily for boys to rebirth into the world.

Test Yourself

What is a journey?
What is a baptism?
What is a wedding?
What is the Sacred Thread?



What is your journey so far?

