



Knowledge Organiser: Why do some people think that life is a journey? What significant experiences mark this?

Key Learning
Suggest why some people see life as a journey and identify some of the milestones on this journey.
Describe what happens at Christian, Jewish and Hindu ceremonies of commitment and say what these rituals mean.
Suggest reasons why marking these milestones of life are important to Christians, Hindus and Jewish people.
Link up some questions and answers about how believers show commitment with their own ideas about community belonging and belief.

Key Knowledge
Children are baptised to show that they belong to the Christian family, the Church. Baptism is sometimes called a Christening because it is a sign that someone belongs to Christ. http://request.org.uk/life/rites-of-passage/infant-baptism/#
Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. http://request.org.uk/life/rites-of-passage/confirmation-video/
Bar or Bat Mitzvah are special ceremonies when a Jewish boys (aged 13) and girls (aged 12) can become adults in the eyes of the Jewish religion. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02n2kgx
Hindus believe life is a cycle of birth, death, and rebirth. Actions in this life, our 'karma' has an effect on our future. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02n5v2q
The Sacred Thread ceremony is a ceremony for boys in some Hindu communities to confirm they are of an age to take on religious responsibility. Girls are sometimes honoured in the same way, but it is rare for them to receive and wear the thread.

Key Vocabulary	
Milestone	A significant event in someone's life.
Ceremony	A set of formal acts, often fixed and traditional that are performed on important religious occasions
Rites of Passage	Ceremonies that mark important changes in a person's life
Confirmation	A Christian service where someone confirms the promises made at their baptism.
Bar Mitzvah	Means son of the commandment
Bat Mitzvah	Means daughter of the commandment
Sacred Thread	A thin cotton thread composed of three strands each of which symbolise something different.

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Religious Traditions and Worldviews
Jewish, Christian and Hindu

Useful Websites to Learn More

- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/hinduism.htm>
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/christian.htm>
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/jewish.htm>