

## Key Question: How and why do people mark the significant events of life?

What should I already know:

- Many people of different faiths and non-faiths mark life milestones with celebrations
- Some religious celebrations including: marriage, baptism/christening, bar/bat mitzvah, sacred thread.

Throughout this unit, children will make connections with their prior learning from earlier in the year. Compare the ways Christians mark their journey through life with Hindus and Jews, as well as non-religious responses.



### Key Vocabulary:

commitment	an agreement to do something in the future, this could be a religious commitment.
promise	a statement by a person that he or she will or will not do something
ceremony	a formal act or event performed in some regular way according to fixed rules e.g. wedding, baptism, graduation, bar mitzvah
Ritual	a religious ceremony consisting of a series of actions performed according to a prescribed order.
baptism	A Christian ceremony, involving water, which symbolizes purification and commitment to the church.
wedding	A ceremony where two people in a loving relationship commit to each other.
Bar/bat mitzvah	A Jewish 'coming of age' ceremony for boys aged 13 years and girls aged 12 years.
Humanist	A person who trusts scientific method when it comes to understanding how the world works and rejects the idea of the supernatural. Find out more here <a href="https://humanism.org.uk">https://humanism.org.uk</a>

## Christianity – Commitment ceremonies

There are different branches of Christianity and variations within how they mark significant events. Baptists/Pentecostals celebrate 'believers' baptism', or 'adult baptism'. Church of England and Roman Catholic celebrate infant baptism. Roman Catholics celebrate first communion and confession. Church of England and Roman Catholics celebrate confirmation.

## Baptism - Christianity



Adult baptism

How do non-religious people or Humanists mark important life events?

## Sacred thread ceremony - Hindu



## Bat Mitzvah - Judaism



## Hindu wedding ceremony



## Ceremonies for the commitment of loving relationships

What happens? What promises are made? Why are they important? What prayers are offered? How do people's religious beliefs show through these ceremonies and commitments?



Christian wedding ceremony

## Jewish wedding ceremony

