

Year 4 - Why do some people think that life is like a journey and what experiences mark this?

Knowledge Organiser



Key Knowledge

What I am going to learn...

- What does a journey mean to us?
- Who keeps us safe on our journey? Who could we ask for help if needed?
- What are the features of a journey that make it a good metaphor for life? Moving through time; progress to a destination.
- What is the significance of baptism to Christians?
- Baptism is an initiation ceremony. In the Christian church there is a difference between those that have led to beliefs in infanthood and a believer's baptism.
- Symbolism of water in baptism - a fresh start, of dying to sin and being 'born again'.
- How do Jewish people mark becoming an adult?
- Bar and Bat Mitzvah mark the move for Jewish young people from childhood towards adulthood. After becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah – son or daughter of the commandment- young people are considered responsible for their own decisions and actions and old enough to follow the mitzvot, commandments, for themselves.
- What ceremonies do Hindus mark in the journey of life?
- Hindu belief that life is a journey from one body to another and each life itself a journey from birth to death.
- 'Reincarnation' is the Hindu belief that is not to be seen as something joyful but includes suffering and misery in order to reach spiritual freedom.
- The Hindu sacred thread ceremony, traditionally just for boys aged 8-12.
- Why do people choose to get married?
- It is the place to bring up children, faithfulness and love.
- Jewish Wedding Ceremony - ketubah, a wedding contract, this formalises a promise.
- Hindu weddings have 7 steps.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
<u>Journey</u>	Travelling from one place to another
<u>Baptism</u>	The Christian ceremony of sprinkling water on to a person's forehead to admit them to the Christian Church
<u>Initiation</u>	Beginning something
<u>Bar Mitzvah</u>	The initiation ceremony of a Jewish boy who has reached the age of 13
<u>Mitzvot</u>	A good deed done from religious duty
<u>Christians</u>	Christians are people who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and who follow his teachings
<u>Jews</u>	People who follow the religion of Judaism and believe that there is only one God, who created the world and everything in it
<u>Hindu</u>	Someone who follows the religion of Hinduism
<u>Dharma</u>	Religious or moral duty
<u>Karma</u>	The sum of a person's actions that decides their future fate
<u>Moksha</u>	Moksha is the ultimate goal. It happens when a soul stops being reincarnated and is reunited with Brahman
<u>Reincarnation</u>	Hindu's believe a soul cannot be destroyed, so when a Hindu dies, their soul enters a new living being
<u>Faithfulness</u>	The quality of being faithful
<u>Promise</u>	A declaration that one will do something

Possible Experiences (things I could do at home to help)

- Talk about changes in their own lives and their hopes and expectations for the future.
- Using an example of a growing tree, where are the children now and what will they achieve in the future, their hopes and dreams.



Useful Websites

Christian Infant Baptism
<http://request.org.uk/life/rites-of-passage/infant-baptism/>
 A clip about Bat Mitzvah
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02n2kgx>
 The cycle of life and death in Hinduism
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02n5v2g>