



RE Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Why do some people think life is a journey and what significant experiences mark this?

Year: 3 and 4

Core Knowledge - Must know

Good to know

Christianity

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. If you were baptised at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf.

'Believers' baptism' or adult baptism is the practice of baptising those who are able to make a conscious profession of faith, as contrasted to the practice of baptising infants.

First Holy Communion is a religious ceremony performed in church by Catholics (Roman Catholics) when a child reaches the age of around 7-8 years and celebrates the first time that they accept the bread and wine (also known as the Eucharist).

Confession (Roman Catholic) is acknowledgment of one's sins (sinfulness) or wrongs.

Hinduism

The Sacred Thread Ceremony - Upanayana means 'sitting close by. The ceremony starts with head-shaving, bathing and wearing new clothes. Hindu boys used to go through this ceremony from as early as the age of 8 but now, it happens when a boy is almost a teenager.

Judaism

A Bar or Bat Mitzvah is a coming of age ceremony for Jewish boys and girls when they reach the age of 12 or 13. This ceremony marks the time when a boy or girl becomes a Jewish adult. This means that they are now responsible for their own actions and can decide for themselves how they would like to practice Judaism.

Life after death

Most christians believe that if you live a good life you will be given eternal life in Heaven.

Most Hindus believe that humans are in a cycle of death and rebirth called samsara. When a person dies, their atman (soul) is reborn in a different body.

Most Jews believe the body remains on earth; only the soul goes to heaven. Some Reform Jews believe that the memories of people live on through their actions and good deeds. Although it is not a central belief in Judaism, some Reform Jews believe in reincarnation.

Whilst Humanists do not believe in an afterlife where the individual continues to live on in another form, they believe that people's 'afterlife' can be understood as their impact left on others, their communities and even the world, after they have died.

Marriage ceremonies and commitments

Different religions have different rituals for the wedding ceremony, but they all celebrate the deep, life-long commitment two people are making to each other. Here's a look at the various practices found in various religious ceremonies.

<https://faithcounts.com/saying-i-do-a-look-at-different-religious-wedding-traditions/>

Vocabulary

ceremonies - a formal religious or public occasion, especially one celebrating a particular event, achievement, or anniversary

commitment - being dedicated/to make a pledge

rituals - a religious ceremony consisting of a series of actions performed according to a prescribed order