

Year 4 RE Knowledge Organiser: The Journey of Life

Prior Knowledge

EYFS: Which people are special and why? Which people are special and why. Belonging: Who are we and how do we belong?

Year 1: Unit 1.4 Theme/symbols in religious worship and practice

Year 2: Unit 2.1 What makes some people inspiring to others

Year 2: Unit 2.3 Belonging

Year 3: Unit 3.1 Beliefs and Questions: What difference does it make to be a Christian? How do Christian people/s beliefs about God, Jesus, the world and others have impact on their lives?

Subsequent Knowledge

Year 5: Unit 5.2 Religion and the individual: What matters to Christians?

Year 6: Unit 6.3 Beliefs in action in the world: How do religions and beliefs respond to global issues of human rights, fairness, social justice and the importance of the environment?

Key Knowledge

Christianity:

- When most Christian babies are born, they are **baptised**. Adults can also be baptised.
- Baptism is a rite or ceremony performed by most Christian churches.
- It is done as a **cleansing symbol**, showing that the person being baptised has become a **follower of Jesus**.
- When Christians get married, they make **commitments** to one another with God in mind.

Hinduism:

- 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.
- In some Hindu communities, the **boy's head is shaved** for the ceremony, symbolising a **cleansing** from their old ways of living.
- When Hindu couples get married, they walk around the **sacred fire four times** under a special **canopy** called a **mandap**. This shows they are united together and protected by God.

Judaism:

- When a Jewish boy and girl come of age, they will have a **bar/bat Mitzvah** to mark the occasion.
- This means that they are now responsible for their own actions and must follow the **Jewish laws**.
- When Jewish couples get married, they wed underneath a special **canopy** known as a **chuppah**. This ceremony used to take place outdoors, in a field or grounds.

Vocabulary

Christianity	Picture	Definition
Baptism		A cleansing symbol that shows a person becoming a follower of Jesus .
Hindu	Picture	Definition
Sacred Thread		This is a red thread , which is made up of three strands, representing purity of thought, words and actions .
Mandap (man-dap)		Is a covered structure with four pillars . All Hindu weddings must take place under a mandap.
Judaism	Picture	Definition
Bar Mitzvah (bar mitz-va)		A ceremony of a Jewish boy, who has reached the age of 13 and is now considered to have reached manhood.
Bat Mitzvah (bat mitz-va)		A ceremony of a Jewish girl, who has reached the age of 12 and is now considered a woman.
Chayil (hi-yal)		This means ' Daughter of the Valour '. This is an orthodox Jewish initiation ceremony for girls.
Chuppah (hu-pa)		The wedding canopy, which sits atop four poles that represents the couple's future home .

Other Unit Vocabulary	Definition
Canopy	Cloth covering.
Ceremony	A formal religious or public occasion, especially one celebrating a particular event, achievement, or anniversary.
Cleansing	Cleaning something thoroughly.
Commitment	The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause.
Milestone	A significant stage or event in the development of something.
Rite	Religious act.
Traditions	The transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation, or the fact of being passed on in this way.
Valour	Great courage in the face of danger.