

Year 7 - Religious Education - Topic 3 - Rites of Passage



Key Vocabulary

Infant Baptism	The practice of baptizing infants or young children to celebrate birth and the first step in becoming a committed Christian.
Believer's Baptism	The practice of baptizing Adults or teenagers who are old enough to decide for themselves to take the first step in becoming a committed Christian.
Confirmation	In Christian denominations that practice infant baptism, confirmation is seen as the sealing of the covenant created in baptism.
Font	The object used to hold Holy water during Baptism.
Initiation	The action of admitting someone into a society or religious tradition.
Naam Karan	The Sikh child naming ceremony. Giving thanks to God for the birth of a child.
Amrit Sanskar	The Sikh ceremony of admittance into the Khalsa.
Brit Milah	The Jewish ceremony of initiation of a Boy into the Jewish faith.
Brit Bat	The Jewish ceremony of initiation of a Girl into the Jewish faith.
Bar Mitzvah	The Jewish ceremony of a Boy becoming an adult and taking on Religious responsibility.
Bat Mitzvah	The Jewish ceremony of a Girl becoming an adult and taking on Religious responsibility.
Nikkah	Islamic wedding contract.



Religious Education Key Skills

- we will be developing in Year 7!

- A – Knowledge and understanding of how people celebrate milestones in life.
- B – Awareness of the influence & importance of rites of passage on those who carry them out.
- C – Comparison of similarities and differences in and between rites of passage in different religions.
- D – Sense of personal identity and community for those who have a rite of passage.
- E – Reflection and evaluation of why rites of passage are still important to people today.

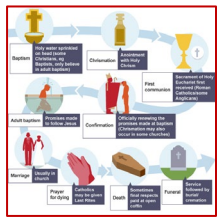
Ultimate Questions - we will reflect on these!

- What do the different World Religions believe?
- How did the world Religions Begin (Founders)?
- Why are we here?
- Is there a God ?
- Why do people suffer?
- Do we have a soul?
- Is there an afterlife ?
- What is the meaning of life ? (Rites of Passage)
- What does it mean to be spiritual?
- How was the world created?



Rites of Passage studied in Year 7

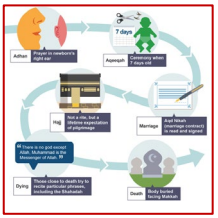
Christianity



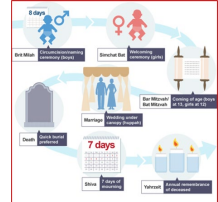
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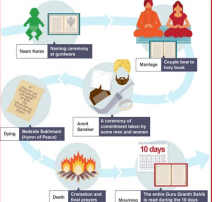
Judaism



Hinduism



Sikhism



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Key Concepts to be examined in the Rites of Topic.

Infant Baptism, Confirmation & Believer's Baptism. (Christianity)



- To examine the meaning of Baptism as a celebration of Birth or Initiation.
- To examine the symbolism behind rituals used.
- To reflect on the importance of the act to Christians today.
- To reflect on the different traditions about Baptism



Naming Ceremony and Amrit Sanskar. (Sikhism)



- To examine the meaning of 'the naming Ceremony' as a celebration of Birth or 'Amrit Sanskar' as taking on responsibility (Becoming an adult).
- To examine the symbolism behind rituals used.
- To reflect on the importance of the act to Sikhs today.
- To reflect on the fact that not all Sikhs join the Khalsa.



Brit Millah and Bar Mitzvah/Bat Mitzvah (Judaism)



- To examine the meaning of 'Brit Millah' as a celebration of Birth or 'Bar Mitzvah/Bat Mitzvah' as taking on responsibility (Becoming an adult).
- To examine the symbolism behind rituals used.
- To reflect on the importance of the act to Jews today.



Marriage Ceremonies (Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism & Buddhism)



- To examine the concept of the ritual of marriage.
- To examine the symbolism behind the rituals involved in each ceremony.
- To reflect on the importance of the act of marriage for religious believers today.



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Learning Checklist

- I can define what a Rite of passage is and give examples.
- I know some of the symbolism used in the rituals of rites of passage.
- I know why rites of passage are important to the six world religions.
- I understand the meaning of the key words for the topic.
- I understand the concepts of Initiation and commitment.
- I am able to reflect on how the world religions celebrate rites of passage and can compare the similarities and differences.
- I am able to understand why rites of passage are important to people today.