# RE Year 6 Spring: Living a Faith

# What is identity?

FAITH VOCABULARY	
faith	A strong belief in a God or teachings of a religion.
baptism	The Christian ceremony welcoming someone to Christianity.
Confirmation	The ceremony where someone baptised as a child affirms their Christian beliefs.
Communion	The Christian service where bread and wine are blessed and shared.
resurrection	In Christianity, the rising of Jesus from the dead.
ascension	In Christianity, the rising of Jesus to Heaven
Aqiqah	A Muslim birth ritual.
Zakat	The giving of charity. Zakat is one of the Five Pillars of Islam
Bar Mitzvah	A coming –of-age ritual for Jewish boys
Bat Mitzvah	A coming –of-age ritual for Jewish girls
Torah scrolls	Scrolls that contain the first 5 books of the Jewish bible.
yad	A pointer used to read the Torah
bimah	A stage or platform in a synagogue
synagogue	A Jewish place of worship
rabbi	Means teacher, A person who leads services in a synagogue

### **Christian Beliefs**

- · Jesus was the Son of God
- Jesus was sent to earth to save humanity from sin.
- Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan by his cousin, John the Baptist.
- Jesus gave his life on the cross and then was resurrected three days later.
- Jesus later **ascended** to Heaven

**Baptism** marks the point when a person joins the Christian faith. Infant **baptisms** are often referred to as Christening (or naming) ceremonies. Baptism is the first rite of passage in the journey through a Christian life. Other rites of passage or ceremonies include: **Confirmation, First Holy Communion**, marriage and funerals. Christians believe on an afterlife in Heaven.

## **Jewish Beliefs**

- God or Jehovah (Yahweh) is the creator of all
- Jews believe that God appointed the Jews to be his chosen people in order to set an example of holiness and good behaviour to the world.
- Jewish people believe in the Torah, which was the whole of the laws given to the Israelites through Moses

People become Jewish by being born to a Jewish mother or converting. Jewish children become accountable for their actions before God when they become a **Bar** or **Bat Mizvah** (a son or daughter of the commandment)

# **Rites of Passage**

Life is like a journey. Most people in the world mark and celebrate key events on that journey with a ritual.

### What are Rites of Passage?

They are the special events which show a person is moving on to a new stage in life (e.g. following birth, marriage, or death). Religions often have special ceremonies to mark a rite of passage. The ceremonies have special meanings and symbols.

## Why should we learn about Rites of Passage?

Rites of passage are very important times for families – you could be invited to one of these events It helps us to think about how we might want to celebrate and commemorate special times in our own lives.



### **Muslim Beliefs**

- Muslims believe there is only one God and his name is Allah.
- The prophet Muhammad was the messenger of Allah.
- The Qur'an is the word of Allah
- A Muslim should try to live by the Five Pillars of Islam

Babies born into Muslim families are Muslim from birth. The first words that a Muslim baby hears is the Shahadah or the Muslim statement of faith — 'There is no God but Allah and his messenger is Muhammad.' Muslim babies are welcomed into the community with the performance of an **Aqiqah** ceremony.

WORLDVIEW VOCABULARY	
ritual	A <b>ritual</b> is a sequence of activities involving gestures, words, actions, or objects, performed according to a set sequence.
ceremony	a formal religious or public occasion, especially one celebrating a particular event, achievement, or anniversary.
community	A <b>community</b> is a social grouping of people with something is common such as a religious belief, culture or shared geographical area.
worldview	A person's <b>worldview</b> is the way they see and understand the world,