



Religious Education Landmarks in Life 2.4d

Weaving concepts

Explore 

Identify ways in which faith communities respond to need and link this with their beliefs

Engage 

Identify the teachings of faith communities about caring for others and suggest how this might impact on behaviour

Reflect 

Identify who cares for them and who they care for and explain how and why people show they care in different ways

What should I already know?

- I can name and describe a number of faith community celebrations including a Christian wedding, a Christian Infant baptism and the Muslim Aqiqah ceremony.
- I can talk about some of the symbolic meaning behind these ceremonies.
- I understand what it means to members of a faith to belong to a community.

Vocabulary

Rites of passage – A ceremony or event marking an important stage in someone's life.

Confirmation – Accepting responsibility for your faith and destiny.

Sacred Thread ceremony – A ceremony for boys in some Hindu communities to confirm they are of an age to take on religious responsibility.

What am I going to learn?

- Confirmation is a sign that a person has reached maturity and is now able to take responsibility for their own faith.
- A bishop usually performs confirmation. The candidates renew their baptismal promises. The bishop prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to come to the candidates. The bishop lays his hand on the head of each of the candidates.
- In some Hindu communities, the male participants head is shaved for the ceremony, symbolising a cleansing from their old ways of living. New clothes are put on after bathing. Gifts and blessings from family are often received.
- The Janoi is made up of three strands, representing purity of thought, words and actions. Janoi wearers may chant a special mantra when putting on and taking off their sacred thread.

