

**Tier 3 Vocabulary**

<b>Celebration</b>	To mark an occasion in a special way.
<b>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</b>	A <b>ceremony</b> in Judaism for children ready to take part in public worship.
<b>Sacred</b>	Connected with God or used for a religious purpose.
<b>Wedding</b>	The <b>ceremony</b> that celebrates two people getting <b>married</b> .
<b>Marriage</b>	Two people deciding to be partners and making <b>promises</b> , often in front of God.
<b>Ceremony</b>	A formal occasion that marks an important moment.
<b>Sacred Thread/ Upanayana</b>	A <b>ceremony</b> in Hindu communities that takes place when a person is old enough to take on religious responsibility.
<b>Milestone</b>	An important moment or marker in a journey.
<b>Metaphor</b>	Using a story or image to help explain something.
<b>Journey</b>	Travelling from one place to another, passing <b>milestones</b> on the way.
<b>Baptism</b>	A Christian <b>ceremony</b> which welcomes a person into the church family.
<b>Initiation</b>	A <b>ceremony</b> that takes place when a person joins something.
<b>Confirmation</b>	A Christian <b>ceremony</b> that marks a person taking on religious responsibility.
<b>Promise</b>	When a person decides to make sure something will happen.
<b>Commitment</b>	Making a promise to act in a certain way.
<b>Believer</b>	Someone who follows a particular religious belief, or set of beliefs.
<b>Commandment</b>	An instruction. In a religion, this is usually an instruction from God.
<b>Scripture</b>	How things are written down in a religion for example the Bible, or the Vedas.
<b>Adulthood</b>	When a person moves from being a child to being an adult.
<b>Vedas</b>	The earliest and oldest Indian <b>scripture</b> .
<b>Reincarnation/ rebirth</b>	Being born again as a person or animal.
<b>Karma</b>	A Hindu belief that what you do in this life affects who you are reborn as.
<b>Responsibility</b>	In a religion, being in charge of how you worship and show your faith.

**Pictures and Images**



**Skills and understanding**

- Talk about celebrations of initiation and belonging in Christianity, Hinduism, and Judaism.
- Recall parts of these celebrations such as a Jewish Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a Hindu sacred thread ceremony, or a wedding
- Explain why promises made at a marriage ceremony are important
- Explain why ritual is important to mark life events
- Make comparisons between how Hindus, Jews, and Christians might think of life as a journey

**Key Facts**

- Many religions have an **initiation ceremony**. In Judaism this is a **Bar/Bat Mitzvah**, in Christianity it is called **confirmation**, and in Hinduism this is a **sacred thread** ceremony.
- **Initiation ceremonies** often involve taking on religious responsibility, such as following **commandments** or studying the **Vedas**.
- Many religions celebrate a **marriage ceremony** when people decide to spend their lives together. These usually involve saying **vows and promises** before God.
- Some religions see life as a **journey** with different **milestones** to pass on the way from birth to death. Some examples are joining a religious community as a child, taking on more responsibility for your own faith as you become an adult, and **committing** to a life partner by making promises in front of God.