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Very Important Vocabulary

welcome – to greet someone arriving in a friendly or polite way
celebration – the action of celebrating an important event or day
Baptism – a Christian ceremony where water is sprinkled onto the child's head and they are welcomed into the Christian family
Church – a special building used for Christian worship
Godparent – a person at a baptism who makes a promise to help and guide a child
Dedication – a Christian ceremony where parents, family and friends make a promise to raise a child with love and care
Humanist – people who do not believe in God but believe in kindness, family and happiness
naming ceremony- a non-religious ceremony where babies or children are given a name and welcomed into a family
Foster care – when a child has been welcomed into a new family to feel safe and loved
adoption - when a child has been welcomed into a new family forever
belonging – a feeling of being happy or comfortable as part of a particular group
community – a group of people in the same place with shared things in common
promise – to say that you'll definitely do something or that something will definitely happen

What does it mean to welcome a new baby?

Welcoming a new baby is an important event in families and communities because it represents new life. People often show welcome through celebrations, gifts, visits, kind words and special routines. Different families welcome babies in different ways depending on their beliefs, culture or personal choices. Some welcomes are religious, while others are not, but all often focus on love, care and belonging.















How do Christians welcome a baby through baptism?

In Christianity, baptism is a special ceremony often held in a church to welcome a baby into the Christian family. Water is poured on the baby's head to show new beginnings and God's love. Parents and godparents make promises to help the child grow up learning about God. Baptism is a sign of belonging to the church community.

Why do Christians dedicate a child to God?

Some Christian families choose dedication instead of baptism. In a dedication service, parents thank God for their child and promise to raise them with love and care. The child is not baptised with water, but prayers and blessings are shared. Dedication shows trust in God and the support of the church community.

How do Humanists welcome a new baby?

Humanists are people who do not believe in God but believe in kindness, happiness and responsibility. Humanist families may hold a naming ceremony to celebrate a new baby. Family and friends gather to give the baby a name and promise love and support. The ceremony focuses on human values rather than religious beliefs.

How can a child be welcomed into a family through fostering or adoption?

Some children are welcomed into families through fostering or adoption. A foster child may live with a family for some time, while adoption means becoming part of a family forever. Families help children feel safe, loved and included. Welcoming a child in this way helps them feel they belong.

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New life is welcomed in many ways. Some welcomes are religious, like baptism and dedication, while others are non-religious, such as naming ceremonies. Families may also welcome children through fostering or adoption. All welcomes show care, love and belonging, with or without God.