

## How and why do people mark the significant events of life?



### Key Questions

- What does the idea of the journey of life mean to us?
- What do different religious ceremonies show us about commitment, love, promises?
- Does the journey have to be the same for everyone in one religion?
- What are some life milestones in religion?

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Journey</b>	Travelling from one place to another.
<b>Milestone</b>	A significant event or stage in the life, progress, development, or the like of a person.
<b>Marriage</b>	A legal union of two people.
<b>Commitment</b>	An agreement or pledge to do something in the future.
<b>Promise</b>	A declaration assuring that one will or will not do something.
<b>Baptism</b>	Admission to Christian Church by being immersed in water.
<b>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</b>	Ceremony in Judaism for someone to take part in religious worship.
<b>Purusharthas</b>	A key concept in Hinduism, and refers to the four proper goals or aims of a human life.

### Sticky Facts

- Commitment in marriage means making promises (vows) to be faithful to ones partner for life. Christians and Hindus take vows at their wedding ceremonies.
- Baptism is a ceremony that symbolises a commitment to living a life as a Christian.
- The Sacred Thread ceremony is for Hindu boys to confirm they are of an age to take on religious responsibility. It also marks the second birth of the child in the world of knowledge.
- A Hindu's purpose is to achieve four aims, called Purusharthas. These are dharma, kama, artha and moksha. These provide Hindus with opportunities to act morally and ethically and lead a good life.
- A Bar or Bat Mitzvah is a coming of age ceremony for Jewish boys and girls when they reach the age of 12 or 13.