

## Year 4 – How and why do people show their commitments during the journey of life?



### What we already know:

**Foundation Stage – F4** Being Special : Where do we belong? **F6**: What times/stories are special and why? **F5** : What places are special and why?

**Year 1- 1.8** Who am I? What does it mean to belong? **1.10** How should we care for the world and others and why does it matter?

**Year 2- 1.9** What makes some places sacred to believers?

**Year 3- L2.7** What does it mean to mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

### What's next?

Year 4 – **L2.9** What are the deeper meanings of festivals?

### Summary of Knowledge

To know, after learning in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life, how different people relate to milestones on the journey of life. Through exploring baptism, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, Hindu samskaras and different types of marriage, know how and why people show their commitments during the journey of life.

#### Mini Question 1

What guides will you use to help you on your life's journey?

Each of us take different journeys throughout our lives and some take a religious journey. How believers of different faiths feel keeps them safe and gives them guidance on their journey.

#### Mini Question 2

In what ways do you think baptism is an important ceremony for Christians?

Infant baptism is an initiation ceremony which can be followed by confirmation as a fulfilment of promises made by parents during infant baptism. At a believer's baptism promises are made in the baptismal service – to reject evil and sin, to follow Christ, to live a life of love

#### Mini Question 3

What do you think is challenging about becoming a Jewish adult at 12 or 13?

Bar and Bat Mitzvah mark the move for Jewish young people from childhood towards adulthood. After becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah – son or daughter of the commandment - young people are considered responsible for their own decisions and actions and old enough to follow the *mitzvot*, commandments, for themselves.

#### Mini Question 4

Imagine you were to go through a 'growing up' ceremony similar to Rajan's *upanayana*. - what promises would you make for your future life?

Hindu religious practices and beliefs are based on a set of Holy Scriptures (the Vedas). The performance of duties (dharma) are according to an individual's nature. After *upanayana* men wear their sacred threads all the time.

#### Mini Question 5

What reasons would make you get married?

In most major religions including those followed by Christian, Jewish and Hindu people marriage is ideally for life, it is the place to bring up children and a journey for two people in love.

#### Mini Question 6

Some people say being married is great but can be hard sometimes. What might Non-religious people or Christians or Hindus or Jewish people do when marriage is challenging

The words spoken during both religious and non-religious wedding ceremonies show what commitment, love and promises during good times and bad times means.

#### Mini Question 7

What can you learn from a Hindu's map for life?

Religion is like a 'map for life'. All journeys are similar yet have some different milestones. Christians, Jewish people and Hindus all have a map for life to follow.

#### Vocabulary

Journey	Bar Mitzvah
Milestones	Bat Mitzvah
Ceremonies	Marriage
Infant Baptism	Commitment
Believers' baptism	Moksha
Sacred thread ceremony	Promises
Ketubah	Samskaras

#### Elements of Learning

