

Year: 4  
 Term: Summer 2  
 Topic: How and why do people mark the significant events of life?



Many religious worldviews will hold a **ceremony** to celebrate **significant** points in the religious **journey** a person is talking. These take place at various points in a person's life and help to show their **commitment** to their religion.

**Baptism** is an important ceremony in Christianity as it celebrates someone becoming a member of the Christian community. This can happen for babies or for older people when they wish to join the Church.

At the age of thirteen many Jewish boys will have a **Bar Mitzvah** and many girls at the age of twelve will have a **Bat Mitzvah**. This ceremony shows they have reached the part of their journey to take responsibility for their religious life.

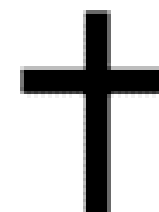
Many Hindu boys and some Hindu girls will have a **Sacred Thread** ceremony which means they are taking responsibility for their religious life as well.

Many religious people will choose to mark their **marriage** with a religious **wedding** ceremony to represent the next stage in their lives and to show commitment to their married partner.



Glossary

- baptism** A ceremony that welcomes someone into the Christian church.
- bar mitzvah** A joining ceremony when a Jewish boy takes on the responsibilities of his religion.
- ceremony** A formal event linked to something special.
- commitment** A promise to do something.
- journey** A person's experience of changing or travelling from one point to another.
- marriage** A legal union between two people.
- sacred thread** A ceremony when a Hindu is ready to take responsibility for their religious life.
- significant** Having a special meaning, something that is very important.
- wedding** A ceremony when a couple make promises to God.



Christianity



Hinduism



Judaism