

### What should I already know?

- Many people of different faiths and non-faiths mark life milestones with celebrations.
- Some religious celebrations including: marriage, baptism/Christening, bar/bat mitzvah.

### Key Vocabulary and Definitions

<b>commitment</b>	An agreement to do something in the future, this could be a religious commitment.
<b>promise</b>	A statement by a person that he or she will or will not do something.
<b>ceremony</b>	A formal act or event performed in some regular way according to fixed rules eg a wedding, baptism, graduation, bar mitzvah.
<b>wedding</b>	A ceremony where two people in a loving relationship commit to each other.
<b>Bar/bat mitzvah</b>	A Jewish 'coming of age' ceremony for boys aged 13 years and girls aged 12 years.



A Christian wedding ceremony in a church.



A Hindu wedding ceremony.

### Key questions

- ♦ Why is life thought of as a journey?
- ♦ What are the key milestones on this journey?
- ♦ What happens in ceremonies of commitment such as baptism, marriage, Hindu sacred thread ceremony and bar mitzvah?
- ♦ Do you need to have a religious background to mark significant events? (Humanist view).
- ♦ Is it important to mark significant events in life and why? Can you give good reasons?

## Humanist

A person who trusts scientific method when it comes to understanding how the world works and believes that this life is the only life we have.

Humanists are non-religious and believe that they can give their own lives meaning by seeking happiness in this life and helping others do the same.



Throughout this unit, children will make connections with their prior learning from earlier in the year and previous years and compare the ways Christians mark their journey through life with Hindus and Jews, as well as non-religious responses.

## Ceremonies for the commitment of loving relationships

- What happens?
- What promises are made?
- Why are they important?
- What prayers are offered?
- How do people's religious beliefs show through these ceremonies and commitments?



Sacred thread ceremony—  
Hindu



Bat Mitzvah—  
Judaism



Baptism— Christianity