

The National Junior C of E Primary

Unit: Big Questions

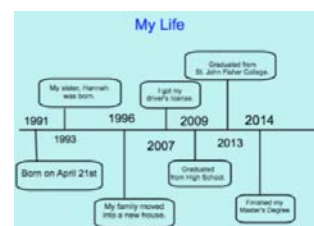
Subject: RE

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Unit Overview / Key Question:

Why do we celebrate?: In this unit we consider the different ways in which we celebrate (weddings, sporting events, birthdays, funerals, religious festivals). We make connections between celebrations that are happy, sad and for us to remember events (One Love Concert in Manchester, Remembrance Day). We look at examples of celebrations from religious and non-religious views from a range of religions; Humanism, Judaism, Christianity etc.

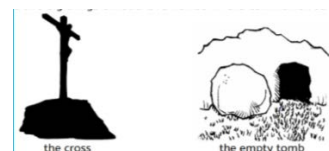
Symbols and Key



Timeline of Rites of Passage.



The chalice for wine and the bread to break.



The two things remembered in Holy Communion.

What?

Key Knowledge

What different events/times of life do we celebrate and why?	<p>Celebrations are an important part of life whether religious or not. Some are happy, sad or for remembrance such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naming ceremonies and funerals for celebrating life. Events of national significance; sporting events, royal weddings; Remembrance Day to celebrate happy times and help us to remember events. Shattering glass to remember the destruction of the Jewish Temple. Marriage - celebrating love and support in challenging times as well as the good. Signing the Ketubah - a marriage contract. Birthdays and anniversaries for happy times.
What is the importance of Holy Communion?	<p>For Christians, communion is an action that helps them remember and celebrate. Taking bread and wine is what Jesus did at the Last Supper, his final meal that was shared with his disciples (his closest followers) before he was nailed to the cross. At the Last Supper, Jesus ate bread, drank wine and told his disciples to do this as a way of remembering him. Today, Christians who have been confirmed, take a sip of wine and eat a tiny amount of bread.</p>
What is the difference between humanist and religious weddings?	<p>A Humanist wedding is a non-religious wedding. They do not believe that couples should have to get married and many choose not to. They use different objects and acts to celebrate marriage from wrapping hands to mixing different coloured sand. They make promises to each other rather than vows.</p>
What are the Rites of Passage?	<p>Life is full of big moments that mark a new beginning and often change us as people, such as your first day at school, moving to a new place,</p> <p>Whatever they believe, people usually celebrate the biggest moments in life's journey. These celebrations are often called 'rites of passage'. For Christians, they include birth, deciding to become a Christian, getting married and death.</p>

Vocabulary

Holy Communion	Communion uses bread as a symbol for Jesus' body and wine as a symbol for His blood. He instructed His followers to use bread and wine to remember the sacrifice He was going to make when He died for our sins on the cross.
Humanism	Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion.
Community	Communities are groups of people with common interests. We also have religious communities such as Christians or Muslims.
Confirmation	When you confirm promises that were made during baptism.
Baptism	Baptism is a ceremony that symbolises a commitment to living a life as a Christian.

Prior Knowledge

- the role played by community in the Christian faith
- what happens at key Christian festivals and why
- ways in which churches are different
- Exploring what it is like to belong to the Hindu community
- Comparing festivals of light.

