

Why do some people think that life is a journey?

KEY VOCABULARY

baptism	Baptism is a ceremony that shows a commitment to living a life as a Christian.
Bar / Bat Mitzvah	The initiatory ceremony recognising a boy (bar) or girl (bat) has reached the age of religious responsibility / duty.
ceremony	formal event that happens as a result of a special occasion or to celebrate something.
dharma	In Hinduism, dharma is the spiritual law for human beings. It is the way of goodness, truth and duty.
moksha	In Hinduism, moksha is the ultimate goal of personal spiritual development, breaking the cycle of reincarnation being united with Brahman, the Hindu supreme god.
reincarnation	Reincarnation is the name of the idea that people are born again in another body, usually human or animal form, after they die and this cycle continues over many lifetimes.
symbol	An object or thing that represents something important e.g. the cross to Christians.

Outcome

- To suggest why some people see life as a journey and identify some of the key milestones on this journey.
- To describe what happens in Christian, Jewish, and/or Hindu ceremonies of commitment and say what these rituals mean.
- To suggest reasons why marking the milestones of life are important to Christians, Hindus and/or Jewish people.

Hinduism

Hinduism is over 4,000 years old, making it one of the world's oldest religions. It is made up of a variety of different religious beliefs and practices. It originated near the Indus River in India. The name 'Hindu' comes from the word Indus.

Central to Hinduism is the belief in a supreme god **Brahman**. Brahman is present everywhere and there is a part of Brahman in everyone.

Brahman takes many forms. Especially three forms called the **Trimurti**. **Brahma** is the **creator** of the world and all creatures. He is usually shown with four heads.

Vishnu is the **preserver** of the world. His role is to return to the earth in troubled times and restore the balance of good and evil. He has blue skin and four arms.

Shiva is the **destroyer** of the universe. Shiva destroys the universe in order to re-create it. Shiva has blue skin, a third eye and carries a trident.

Hindus believe that life is a cycle of birth, death, and rebirth. They also believe that the next life depends on how the previous life was lived.

Quote that we discuss from the Bible

1. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

