

# RE Knowledge Organiser

## Key Question

How and why do people mark the significant events of life?

## Key Vocabulary

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| baptism     | the Christian religious rite of sprinkling water on to a person's forehead or of immersing them in water, symbolizing purification or regeneration and admission to the Christian Church. |
| celebrate   | acknowledge (a significant or happy day or event) with a social gathering or enjoyable activity   |
| Bar mitzvah | the initiation ceremony of a Jewish boy who has reached the age of 13 and is regarded as ready to observe religious precepts and eligible to take part in public worship.                 |
| Bat mitzvah | a religious initiation ceremony for a Jewish girl aged twelve years and one day, regarded as the age of religious maturity.   |
| symbolism   | the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities.   |

## Learning Outcomes

- Identify some beliefs about love, commitment and promises in two religious traditions and describe what they mean.
- Offer informed suggestions about the meaning and importance of ceremonies of commitment for religious and non-religious people today
- Describe what happens in ceremonies of commitment (e.g. baptism, sacred thread, marriage) and say what these rituals mean
- Identify some differences in how people celebrate commitment (e.g. different practices of marriage, or Christian baptism)
- Raise questions and suggest answers about whether it is good for everyone to see life as a journey, and to mark the milestones.

## Topic Overview

- Explore and use the religious metaphor of life as a journey.
- Consider the value and meaning of ceremonies that mark milestones in life, particularly those associated with taking responsibility and growing up.
- Think about the symbolism, meaning and value of ceremonies that mark the commitment of a loving relationship.
- Compare wedding ceremonies and marriage commitments in two religious' traditions.
- Reflect on ideas about the importance of love, commitment, community, belonging and belief today