



### WHAT SHOULD I ALREADY KNOW?

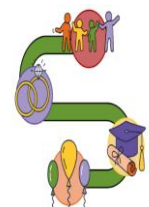
- I can name and describe a number of faith community celebrations including a Christian wedding, a Christian infant baptism and the Muslim Aqiqah ceremony
- I can talk about some of the symbolic meaning behind these ceremonies
- I understand what it means to members of a faith to belong to a community.

### VOCABULARY

Rites of passage	A ceremony or event marking an important stage in someone's life
Confirmation	Accepting responsibility for your faith and destiny.
Sacred Thread ceremony	A ceremony for boys in some Hindu communities to confirm they are of an age to take on religious responsibility.

### STICKY KNOWLEDGE

Confirmation is a sign that a person has reached maturity and is now able to take responsibility for their own faith.	A bishop usually performs confirmation. The candidates renew their baptismal promises. The bishop prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to come to the candidates. The bishop lays his hand on the head of each of the candidates.
In some Hindu communities, the male participant's head is shaved for the ceremony, symbolising a cleansing from their old ways of living. New clothes are put on after bathing. Gifts and blessings from family and friends are often received.	The Janoi is made up of three strands, representing purity of thought, words and actions. Janoi wearers may chant a special mantra when putting on and taking off their sacred thread.



### WEAVING CONCEPTS

Explore 

Identify important features of religious ceremonies and explain why these might be seen as important aspects of a believer's life

Engage 

Link symbolic aspects of ceremonies to beliefs and teachings and explain why the ceremony might be important to those taking part

Reflect 

Share ideas and experiences of ceremonies important to them and suggest what these might say about their personal beliefs and values