Religious Education

Lower Key Stage 2 – Thematic
How and why do people mark the significant events of life?

Key Vocabulary

Baptism	A ceremony welcoming a Christian into a faith community
Bar/bat mitzvah	A ceremony which marks the transition into adulthood for young Jews
Upanayana	A ceremony welcoming a Hindu into their faith community
devotion	Showing one's commitment to something
journey	Travelling from one point to another

Key Knowledge

The metaphor 'life is a journey' is used by many religions. At Townlands C of E Primary Academy, 'journey' is an important part of our school vision.

Ceremonies are often used to mark key milestones in people's lives. There are often symbols and rituals used and promises made at these ceremonies.

These ceremonies will have meanings to individuals, their families and their communities.

Key Questions

What are the similarities and differences between how different religions express their devotion to God?

Why do people of different faiths celebrate weddings?

Does religious or spiritual teaching have an impact on a believers life's journey?

Why do people view life as a journey?

Significant events



Christian baptism



Jewish Bar Mitzvah



Marriage



Hindu Samskaras