

How do faith groups mark naming ceremonies?

Lesson sequence:

L1 - Introduction to naming ceremonies

L2 - To understand what happens at a Hindu naming ceremony

L3 - To know the rituals involved in Namkaran

L4 - To understand the importance of a Christening

L5 - To know the similarities and differences between the ceremonies

L6 - Assessment

Concept Links / Prior Knowledge

EYFS - Children learn about the birth of Jesus and the importance of his name.

KSI - Children have learnt about some important ceremonies in different religions. They haven't yet learnt about the importance of a name. In year 2 children learn how they are the same/different to one another.

Sticky learning

New Knowledge

To know how the birth of a baby is a special event.
To know that getting a name at birth is a celebration and why it is important (links to article 7)
To know the rituals involved in different naming ceremonies.
To know how this is performed differently in other religions or faiths
To be able to describe the Hindu naming ceremony and to say which other faiths have a naming ceremony.
To know the rituals involved in Namkaran (Hindu)
To know key vocabulary linked to different naming ceremonies.
To know similarities and differences between the different ceremonies.

New Skills

- To learn about practices and ways of life by looking at how Hindus celebrate a birth.
- When considering the Hindu naming ceremony, pupils to think about the meaning behind all of the symbols in the ceremony and how this ceremony encourages Hindus to think about important milestones in their lives with reference to their faith.

Key Vocabulary

Buddhism, Buddha, Namkaran, nickname, surname, first name, Christian, name, faith, ritual, ceremony

Visual representations



NamKaran



Christening



New vocabulary I will learn

Christening - A special ceremony for Christians

NamKaran - Hindu naming ceremony

Faith - strong belief in a religion based on spiritual conviction rather than proof

Nickname - a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

Ceremony - a formal religious or public occasion, especially one celebrating a particular event, achievement, or anniversary

Surname - a hereditary name common to all members of a family, as distinct from a forename or given name