

Ceremonies which mark milestones in life:

Christianity

Confirmation is important to Christians as it is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. There are other significant ceremonies too, such as first communion and adult baptism.

Hinduism

As part of the sacred thread ceremony, the child is given a special thread which is put around his shoulders. He will then wear this thread under his clothes for the rest of his life. This shows the child is now an adult.

Judaism

This ceremony marks the time when a girl or boy becomes an adult. They learn to pray and to read the Torah in public.

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Why do some people think life is like a journey and what significant experiences mark this? Christians, Hindus and Jewish people. Year 3/4



Life after death

Christians believe that during their life, God will judge them for the deed they have done during their life. This is why most believe in confession.

Most **Hindus** believe that we are in a cycle of death and rebirth. They believe our actions in this life will affect our next life.

In **Judaism**, they believe that after they die, each person's body will be resurrected.

Key Vocabulary

Ceremony—An activity performed at a special time for an important reason.

Baptism - A ceremony that symbolises a commitment to living life as a Christian.

First Communion—It is a ritual to show the togetherness of Christians and God.

Confession—Some Christians believe that they must confess their sins to the priest. Therefore if they have done wrong, they must tell the priest.

Bar or Bat Mitzvah—A coming of age ceremony for Jewish boys and girls when they reach the age of 12 or 13.

Sacred thread ceremony - This is a ceremony for boys in some Hindu communities to confirm they are of an age to take on some religious responsibilities.

