



Unit 4.1 Why do some people think life is like a journey? Where do we go? What do different people think about life after death?

Links to Prior knowledge:
Units F4, 1.1, 3.1,

Key Knowledge

- To know what Christenings are and how these are celebrated.
- To know that Islam have baby welcoming ceremonies.
- To know how different religions celebrate milestones.
- To know there are different beliefs about life after death.

Key Skills

- Pupils will use and develop skills of expressing, understanding and handling varied perspectives.
- Express reasons why they hold their own views.



Hindus believe in the idea of reincarnation. This means that after their body dies their soul is reborn in another form (this could be a human or an animal). They call this cycle **samsara**. The goal of Hinduism is to achieve enlightenment and therefore receive **moksha** which means that when they die they will not be reborn but go to nirvana.

Hindu Naming Ceremony

Religion and Heaven

Some religions believe in the afterlife but others do not.

Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) believe that when a person dies, they will go to heaven or hell depending on how they lived their lives.

While they share a concept of heaven, there are still many differences in the idea of what heaven is and what it contains.

The only real difference that I could find between heaven and Paradise is the use of the word



Key Vocabulary

Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam
Hindu	A follower of Hinduism
Christian	Believes in Jesus Christ and God
Humanist	Do not believe in a God
beliefs	Something one accepts as true or real; a firmly held opinion
destiny	God's purpose for our lives.
ritual	A set of actions people do
soul	The non-physical spiritual part of a person
spiritual	Exploring our sense of identity, belonging and purpose. What makes me, me.
commitment	Sticking with something and trying your very best
values	The things that matter to us and help us make good choices and behave well.
heaven	The place where God or the gods live
paradise	A place of great happiness where everything is exactly as you would like it to be.

Key Questions

- What do Christians/Muslims/Hindu's believe will happen in the afterlife?
- Where do most Christian funerals take place?
- Where do many Hindu celebrations take place?
- What is the name of the Islamic place of worship/building?
- What is reincarnation?
- What are considered important milestones in a person's life?

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