

## Baptism

### For Adult Baptism

- Jesus baptised his disciples when they were older
- A baby is too young to make a decision on whether or not it wants to be a Christian
- There is no mention of baptising children in The Bible
- Jesus was baptised as an adult
- Babies cannot confess their sins.

### For Infant Baptism

- It is showing thanks to God for their new child
- Religious parents believe it will give their children a better start in life
- To ensure child can attend a faith school
- Sign of the cross as a sign of God's love

## Brit Milah

### For Infant Brit Milah

- Circumcision is an important sign of being Jewish
- It could be more painful later in life
- To fit in with other Jewish boys
- It follows God's instructions

### For Adult Brit Milah

- It is permanent and can't be undone
- A child should be able to choose what happens to their body
- There are other ceremonies that could welcome a baby into the world
- Circumcision is an outward sign of faith; it is not necessary to be a Jew
- Other traditions have changed so this one could to

## Confirmation – Why is it important for some Christians?

- ✓ They become a full member of the Church
  - At their baptism they are welcomed into the Church, but at confirmation they become an adult and can take part in Church life.
- ✓ They renew their baptismal vows for themselves
  - At a baptism parents and godparents make promises for babies about following Jesus. At confirmation they have the chance to make promises themselves in front of the community.
- ✓ They receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit
  - At an important time in their lives they are given special gifts to keep them strong and help through a time of change.



## Marriage

### Christianity

The couple say **marriage vows (promises)** to each other, which are special promises. These show Christian beliefs about how the couple are to remain faithful to each other no matter what happens.

The minister announces that the man and woman are now husband and wife, and says, **“What God has brought together let no man separate.”** He then says to the groom, **“You may kiss the bride.”**

### Islam:

Many Muslims have an arranged marriage where parents choose the suitor. They do this as Prophet Muhammad had an arranged marriage. Muslims are expected to get married, it is an important part of their faith.

**Bar Mitzvah** means ‘Son of the Commandment’. It is the point at which a boy becomes an adult member of the Jewish community. It is part of ancient Jewish culture which has been practiced for thousands of years.

He will wear a **tallit** and learn to put on **tefillin**. Being Bar Mitzvah does not depend on having a ceremony, but most boys do as it is a big celebratory occasion for families and the Jewish community.

The Bar Mitzvah takes place on the **Shabbat** (Sat) after the boy's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. He has to learn **Hebrew** and practise reading the portion of the **Torah** that he has to read during the service. A **rabbi** will help him to do this.

Key concepts	
<b>Rite of Passage</b>	When you go from one stage of life to another. Some people mark these transitions with rituals or ceremonies
<b>Religious</b>	relating to or believing in a religion
<b>Secular</b>	not connected with religion or spiritualism
<b>Denomination</b>	subgroup within a <b>religion e.g. Church of England or Catholic are part of Christianity.</b>
<b>Baptism</b>	A ceremony welcoming a person into the Church, can be an infant or adult (believers)
<b>Confirmation</b>	In the Catholic church where a person officially confirms their faith as a Christian
<b>Sacrament</b>	A religious sign or symbol, especially associated with Christian churches, in which a sacred or spiritual power is believed to be transmitted.
<b>Bar Mitzvah</b>	When a Jewish boy becomes a man, the celebration for this
<b>Initiation</b>	<b>An event that welcomes somebody into a new group</b>
<b>Brit Milah</b>	a Jewish religious male circumcision ceremony performed by a mohel ("circumciser") on the eighth day of the infant's life
<b>Covenant</b>	<b>Special promise – God and Abraham made with each other.</b>
<b>Arranged marriage</b>	a marriage planned and agreed by the families or guardians of the couple concerned
<b>Forced marriage</b>	a <b>marriage</b> in which one or both of the parties is <b>married</b> without his or her consent or against his or her will.

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