

Key Facts

- Different religious groups celebrate birth in different ways.
- In Islam a babies head is shaved and the equivalent weight given to charity,
- Is Islam the Adhan is whispered in ear at birth and death as part of first pillar Shaha-dah,
- Shaving of hair in Hinduism and believed links to 'health' in Hinduism.
- In Hinduism feeding with sweet food and pu-ja for purification of soul
- Sikh tradition of naming via the Guru Granth Sahib (the Sikh scriptures) and middle names of Kaur or Singh shows equality
- The 5 K's in Sikhism how Sikhs show belief in one God and the importance of equality in Sikhism



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Why do we celebrate births?

Vocabulary

Word	Definition
ceremonies	A formal act or series of acts done in a particular way to honor a special occasion.
cleansing	To make clean; remove dirt from .
purification	The process of removing dirt, bacteria, or other unwanted elements; make pure.
soul	The part of human beings separate from the physical body that is thought of as the center of feeling, thought, and spirit.
identify	All of those things by which a person or thing is known or is considered as being.
commitment	A pledge or obligation to fulfill an act or function



Knowledge and Understanding:

Children will learn:

- To identify the features (items and actions) in other birth ceremonies from other religions and non-religious worldviews (including their own), and make links with key values, beliefs and traditions.
- Religious beliefs in creation of humans and the soul by God and above learning to consider the importance/value of celebrating births; compare to animals
- To recall the symbolic items/actions in the birth ceremony
- Identify the meanings (promises by godparents of commitment to following of Jesus) and beliefs behind these (including those of the cleansing of sin with water) and make links with previously learned Christian beliefs about God and Jesus and the soul.
- Investigate and compare a child baptism with adult baptism, or that of Jesus.

Key skills and concepts:

Children will be able to:

- Recall key features and beliefs of birth ceremonies.
- Make links with concepts of identity, commitment and to whom, beliefs about purifying soul, value of human life.
- Explain how symbolic actions of ceremonies demonstrate these concepts suggest the impact/Justify the value of celebrating births.

Key Questions

Where do some people believe we come from?

Who is the most important person at an infant baptism?

What is most important about baptism for a Christian?

How are adult baptisms different to infant baptisms?

How do Hindus celebrate a new life?

How do Muslims and Jewish people show commitment to God during their birth ceremonies?

Why is a name so important?

How else might people celebrate the birth of new babies?

Why is it important to celebrate births?