



4.1 The Journey of Life and Death.

Religions and world views – Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Humanism.

Key Vocabulary	
Humanist	Someone who doesn't believe in God but believes it is possible to live a good life without following a religion.
Destiny	The events that will happen to someone in the future.
Life after death	The belief that when your physical body dies, an unseen part of you carries on.
Worship	To show a lot of love and respect to God.
Soul	A part of a person that cannot be seen, separate from their body.
Ritual	A series of things that is always done in the same special way.
Reincarnation	The rebirth of a soul in another body.
Jannah (Paradise)	A perfect or ideal place. In some religions (e.g. Islam) the name of heaven.
Commitment	To make a promise to do something
Moksha	The release from the death and rebirth cycle in Hinduism
Karma	The internal actions which determine one's fortunes in this life and the next (Hinduism)
Aqiqah	A baby welcoming ceremony in Islam.
Heaven	In many Christian traditions, the home of God, and the place the soul goes after death.
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Samsara	The cycle of death and rebirth in Hinduism

Big Questions

Why do some people think life is like a journey?

How do Hindus, Christians and Muslims mark important life event?

Where do we go when we die?

What do different people think about life after death?

Special Times

The birth of a baby

Making a commitment

Getting married

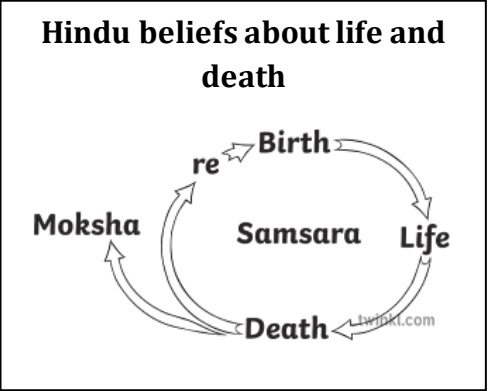
The end of life

Prior Learning

Muslim prayer 3.2

Easter 3.1

Baptism 2.3



Many people have thought of life being like a journey, moving through time, towards a destination. Many religions think about how we know where we are going and what guides we need to get there safely. Religious people follow their holy books and key leaders, for example. Muslims believe that following the teachings of the Qur'an and the Prophet will lead to Paradise with Allah after death. Christians believe that Jesus' death and resurrection means Christians will go to Heaven when they die. For Hindus, the aim is to break the cycle of death and rebirth and attain Moksha – freedom. Non-religious people may also think of life as a journey, but they may believe that death is the end and we should try to live the best life we can.