

Living

Year: 1 Term: 6

Key question: What does it mean to belong to a faith community? (Continued)

A baby being born is a very happy time. People celebrate it in lots of ways. Different religions have special ways of celebrating the birth of a baby. Some Hindu and Muslim babies have their heads shaved. Jewish babies have special events where their names are revealed to everyone. Christian babies take part in a **christening** ceremony or **baptism**. This is when a baby is welcomed into the Christian faith. The baby's parents and friends all go to a church service. The vicar will hold the baby's head over the font and then sprinkle the baby with water. For Muslim families, babies are born Muslim. Therefore, they will take part in a number of birth rites right at the start of their lives. These include the **Call of Prayer** being said to the baby. This is a special blessing read over the baby as the first words they hear. It can be performed by anyone but will generally be performed by the father or a close family member. During **Aqiqah**, it is also customary to shave the baby's head as a symbol of purification. Once shaved, the hair is weighed and measured. Then, its equivalent value in silver is calculated and the family donate this much to the poor. This shows that the baby is a servant of Allah and should be carried out by all Muslim parents who are able to pay.

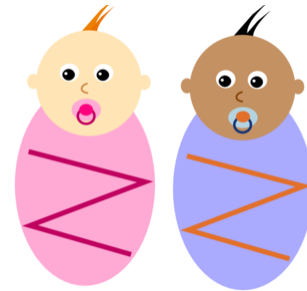
A **wedding** is a ceremony in which two people marry. **Marriage** involves looking after each other for the rest of your lives, so people make promises to each other on their wedding day. Jewish people get married underneath a wedding **chuppah**; a canopy which stands over the couple at the ceremony. It has a roof but no sides. The roof symbolises the new home the couple will create, and the open sides symbolise how their new home will be open to friends and family.

Vocabulary

Christening/ baptism	A christening or baptism is when a baby is welcomed into the Christian faith. It symbolises a commitment to living a life as a Christian.
Godparents	Are friends or family chosen by the baby's parents. They make a promise to help the baby learn more about being a Christian.
Call to Prayer	When a Muslim baby is born, they are first read the Call to Prayer. This is a special blessing read over the baby as the first words they hear.
Aqiqah	During Aqiqah, it is customary to shave the baby's head as a symbol of purification. Once shaved, the hair is weighed and measured. Then, its equivalent value in silver is calculated and the family donate this much to the poor.
friendship	Friends are people that you can have fun with. Friends share, play together, and laugh with each other.
chuppah	The Hebrew name of the canopy under which Jewish couples get married.

Key Questions:

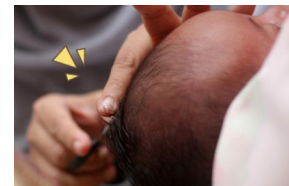
- How do Christians welcome a new baby?
- How do Muslims welcome a new baby?
- How do some Christian people show they belong to one another?
- How do some Jewish people show they belong to one another?
- How do some people show they belong to one another? (friendship)



christening/baptism



Call to Prayer



Aqiqah



friendship



wedding



chuppah