



Key Vocabulary

Rituals	A religious ceremony consisting of a series of actions performed in a prescribed order.
birth	The emergence of a baby from the body of its mother
Symbolism	Represents an idea or quality without using words
Community	A group of people living in the same place or having a particular interest in common.

Key Learning

Religious rituals are performed around the time of the birth of a baby, in the place of worship or within the home.

Birth rites are often rich in symbolism which convey the beliefs of the religious community. Different religions have rituals they carry out when a baby is born.

A baptism is a Christian religious rite of sprinkling water on to a persons forehead or immersing them in water symbolising purification and admission to the Christian church.

