

Life journeys in Hinduism and Islam – Hurricane Class (Spring Term)

In this unit, you will learn about key events which may happen as part within Hinduism and Islam. These events form part of a person's 'life journey'.

HINDUISM	
Key word	Definition
Hindu	A follower of Hinduism.
samskaras	An important ceremony. There are 16 of these which take place throughout a Hindu person's life.
namkarna	A baby's naming ceremony. It is usually performed on the tenth or twelfth day after the child's birth.
jatakarma	This ceremony welcomes the baby into the world.
karnavedha	The ear piercing ceremony. A special meal is served after the ceremony.
mundan	A Hindu child's first hair cut.
upananyana	This is also known as the 'sacred thread ceremony'. The ceremony starts with head-shaving, bathing and wearing new clothes.



The ear piercing ceremony



The sacred thread ceremony

ISLAM	
Key word	Definition
Muslim	A follower of Islam.
tahneek	A ceremony where a baby is given honey or something sweet.
aqiqah	A special meal which is shared with family, friends and the local community.
madrasah	An educational establishment where Muslims learn about Islam
Kytme Qur'an	A celebration when a child can recite the Qur'an.
Ramadan	A month of reflection, self-improvement and devotion to Allah. Muslims 'fast' during this time.
mehndi pattern	Intricate designs drawn on a person's skin (typically on their hands and feet) using paste made from the henna plant. This often happens takes place before a Muslim wedding.



Inside a madrasah



Mehndi patterns