What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

This half term, our focus is to answer the question '*What does it mean to belong to a faith community?*'

The term 'faith community' refers to a group of people (of any size) that live near each other and follow the same religious traditions.

Key facts
• We live in a community that belongs to many different religions.
• We belong to many different groups in our lives, these could be faith based or not.
• There are certain rites of passage that each faith group should undertake during their lives.
• A Bar Mitzvah takes place when a boy is 13 years old while a Bat Mitzvah takes place when a girl is 12 years old.

Key Vocabulary	
Faith:	Strong religious beliefs.
Community:	A group of people living in the same place and having things in common.
Ceremony:	A religious occasion to celebrate something important.
Baptism:	Welcoming a baby into the Christian faith by placing holy water on its head.
Naming ceremony:	An event that gives a baby their name.
Bar Mitzvah:	A ceremony where a Jewish boy becomes an adult.
Bat Mitzvah	A ceremony where a Jewish girl becomes an adult.
Rites of passage:	A main event in someone's life.

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Prior Learning	Following on:
Year 1: > 1.6 How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?	**Year 2:** > 1.7 What does it mean to belong to a faith community? **Year 3:** > L2.7 What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today? **Year 4:** > L2.8 What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? **Year 5:** > U2.7 What matters most to Christians and Humanists? **Year 6:** > U2.8 What difference does it make to believe in ahimsa (harmlessness), grace, and/or Ummah (community)?

Christianity	Islam	Judaism	Hinduism
Some rites of passage that Christians undertake include: • Baptism • Wedding • Funeral	Some rites of passage that Muslims undertake include: • Birth • Marriage • Death	Some rites of passage that Jews undertake include: • Naming ceremony • Bar/Bat Mitzvah • Marriage	Some rites of passage that Muslims undertake include: • Naming ceremony • Marriage • Death