

Christianity – Rites of Passage

Year 6



What should I already know?

- Christians believe that Jesus was the son of God and celebrate his birth at Christmas.
- During the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet. The mood around the table was sad and sombre rather than celebratory. Jesus knew that this would be the last time that he and the twelve would eat together. Jesus died on the cross at the hands of the Romans. Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection with Easter.
- The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years. It holds 66 books written by around 40 different authors. The authors of the Bible were inspired by God to write their ideas down. It is split into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament.



Christianity has become the largest of the world's religions and geographically, is the most widely diffused of all faiths. It has more than two billion believers. This map represents the religions which are most prevalent in each country around the world – Christianity is marked as purple.



Images



God parents are an important part of the baptism service. Before the baptism, the parents of the baby choose godparents to help them to look after their child.



When receiving Communion, people take part in drinking a sip of wine (or grape juice) and eating a small piece of bread or cracker.



Vocabulary



Baptism



A ceremony which symbolises a commitment to living a life as a Christian.

Holy communion



Communion is a way for Christians to say 'thank you' to God for Jesus' life and death.

Wedding



Two people are united and joined together in marriage.

Funeral



A burial or cremation of a body.

Ceremony

A formal religious or public occasion celebrating an event

Quick Facts



A rite of passage is a milestone in a person's life. **A milestone is a significant stage or event in the development of something.**

People will have different rites of passage in their life. Being born is a rite of passage – everyone goes through this event. Getting married is a rite of passage; not everyone chooses to get married.

Baptism is a ceremony which symbolises a commitment to living a life as a Christian. A baptism is a way to receive an infant, or an adult into the Church and is a sign of becoming a Christian. A person of any age can be baptised. Communion is a ritual to show the togetherness of Christians and God. Christians believe in life after death. They do not believe death is the end. They believe that although the body dies, the soul carries on.

