



## Unit 1.10 What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

### Enquiry Questions

- Do we all belong to something?
- How do Christians/Muslims/Jewish people show they belong?
- Is every person valuable?
- How do Christians and Muslims welcome a new baby?
- How do some people show they belong to one another?
- What matters about being in a community?

### What will I know by the end of the unit?

We can use symbols to show that we belong to something.

Some examples of symbols to show belonging to different religions are:

Christian – cross, crucifix, ichthus (fish), rosary, Bible

Muslim – crescent moon and star, taqiyah (prayer cap), prayer mat, Qur'an

Jew – star of David, Kiddush cup, menorah, mezuzah, Torah, kippah (prayer cap)

Christians believe that God cares for every single person. Jewish people have a commandment that says to love your neighbours. Muslim teaching says, 'None of you is a good Muslim until you love for your brother and sister what you love for yourself.' Non-religious people also follow the Golden Rule: Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.

Christians welcome a new baby through infant baptism or christening.

When a baby is first born in a Muslim family, the first thing the baby hears is the call to prayer whispered in its ear. Muslims welcome babies in a ceremony called the Aqiqah, when the baby is introduced to family and friends.

In a Christian wedding ceremony, the couple make promises (vows) to each other and exchange rings. The rings symbolise an unbroken connection between the people who are married, as well as with God.

Jews also make vows and exchange rings. A chuppah is a Jewish wedding 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.

### Key Vocabulary

Christianity, Christian, Judaism, Jew, Islam, Muslim, belief, faith, religion, belong, valuable, community, symbol, baptism, Aqiqah, wedding, marriage, ceremony, represent, symbolise