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Enquiry Question: Festivals- How and Why are they Celebrated?

Key skills

Identify similarities and differences between celebrations.
Recognise and explain why people celebrate festivals.
Retell a religious story in the correct order.
Sequence important events.
Explain what a ceremony or tradition means.
Listen to and respect other people's beliefs and opinions.



Things to remember!

Special celebrations- People celebrate to remember important events, show joy, feel they belong and give thanks. Celebrations can be religious or part of family and community traditions.

The journey of life- People experience beginnings, growth and changes. A rite of passage is a ceremony that marks an important stage in life.

Advent- Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for Christmas.

Christmas- Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Nativity story tells us about Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, shepherds and angels.

Hanukkah- Hanukkah is a Jewish festival known as the Festival of Lights. It remembers the traditional story of the oil lasting eight days. Families may light a hanukkiah over eight nights.

Christmas and Hanukkah- Both festivals may include lights, food, stories and spending time with family. However, they have different meanings and belong to different religious traditions.

Key words

Celebration	Festival
Ceremony	Baptism
Advent	Nativity
Jesus	Christmas
Hanukkah	Hanukkiah
Shamash	Tradition



Christianity -Christmas celebrates Jesus' birth. Advent is a time of preparation and hope. Baptism is a Christian ceremony.

Judaism - Hanukkah is the Festival of Lights lasting for eight nights. The Hanukkiah has nine candle holders.

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