

Knowledge Organiser – Rites of passage and Sacrament

Big Question: What might the journey of life and death look like from a Christian perspective?



Baptism



Confirmation



Marriage



Eternal life

Key Vocabulary:

- **Rite of passage:** a ceremony or event marking an important stage in someone's life.
- **Baptism:** Baptism means to dip or immerse. Baptism is the initiation ceremony into the Church and the Christian family. It is through Baptism that one becomes a member of Christ's body - the Church.
- **Sacrament:** An outward and visible sign of something that is inward and spiritual. Another definition - a visible sign of God's invisible grace.
- **Confirmation:** Confirmation is the second initiation sacrament of the Church. It is practised by several Christian denominations. The word means strengthening or deepening one's relationship with God. It enables a baptised person to confirm the promises made on their behalf at baptism.
- **Christian Marriage:** Marriage is a public declaration of love and commitment. This declaration is made in front of friends and family. The vows that are made in church are made in the presence of God. The ring is a symbol of unbroken love
- **Eternal life:** Life that doesn't end. The teaching of Jesus refers to eternal life as something that begins here on earth and continues after death. The resurrection of Jesus points towards eternal life. For many Christians, this provides them with solid evidence that death is not the end.