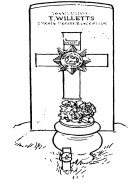


RE: KS2/3

Exploring Family Customs



In your family, what special occasions do you celebrate?

Do you celebrate:

- a wedding?
- birthdays?
- the Christening or naming of a child?
- special holidays EG: Christmas?
- the life of a loved one following their death

Activity 1:

As a class talk about the different types of events and celebrations you have attended. Do you all run your events the same way?

Activity 2:

Look at photographs/images of wedding ceremonies from different religions. Are there any similarities to how your family celebrates weddings? Are there any special clothes worn, food eaten or words said in all of these examples?

Activity 3:

Read a selection of poems written for funerals. Are there any common themes in the words?

Activity 4:

In small groups, devise a list of questions to ask your parents and grandparents about any customs they took part in when younger. Are your family traditions the same now as they were then? Have there been any new traditions introduced?

Activity 5:

Choose 1 event from your family to talk about to your class. This could be a family christening, wedding, special birthday or funeral. Prepare some images to show to support your presentation. How does this event reflect your culture or religion? Is it unique to your family or community?

As a class you may wish to create a class display about the different ways your families celebrate life events.