

Fast Five (answers on the next slide)

Name 6 major religions.

Fast Five Answers

Examples of major religions include but are not limited to:

- Christianity
- Islam
- Judaism
- Sikhism
- Hinduism
- Buddhism

Can I identify Christian
customs and ceremonies?

The 7 Sacraments

Along with the previous customs, there are 7 acts through which Christians believe God can make his love known to them. These are very important to them.

They are:

1. Baptism
2. Eucharist
3. Confirmation
4. Reconciliation
5. Anointing of the sick
6. Marriage
7. Holy Orders

This is a video about Catholic rituals but they have the same Sacraments as Christians (Catholicism is a type of Christianity).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zh4f3k7/video>

Baptism

- Baptism is one of the most important customs for Christians.
- Christians believe that in the times of the Bible, John the Baptist would baptise any person to cleanse them of their original sins, and to prepare their way to the Lord.
- Now, Christians baptise their new believers who confess their faith in Jesus, to cleanse their souls from sin and to unite them into the church community.
- Watch this video to find out more:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/ztjxn39>



The Eucharist (or Communion)

- The Eucharist is a custom which helps Christians to remember Jesus. It is the act of drinking wine and eating bread during a church service.
- The bread symbolises Jesus' body, which Christians believe was broken for them.
- The wine is the symbol for Jesus' blood, which Christians believe was spilled for them.
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zwcd2hv>



Confirmation



- Confirmation typically takes place in the teenage years of a Christian person's life.
- This is because confirmation is a ceremony which shows the continued commitment of the person to God and because they are now old enough to renew the vows made at their baptism themselves.

Reconciliation

- The sacrament of reconciliation (also known as penance) has three elements: conversion, confession and celebration.
- By undertaking this sacrament, Christians find God's forgiveness. In turn, Christians are called to forgive others.
- Christians believe that they must seek to obtain forgiveness in the hope that they can restore their relationship with God.



Anointing of the sick

- The anointing of the sick is often a Christian's final sacrament.
- It is given to people who are in danger of becoming more sick from a serious illness and it is also given to those who are likely to die soon.
- This sacrament is given by a priest. It is often given to a person in hospital but it may also be given in a person's home.



Marriage



- For Christians, the sacrament of marriage is a public sign that an individual is giving themselves totally to another person. It is also seen by many as a public statement about God, because the loving union of a couple is an example of family values and God's values.
- Christians believe that God is present at the marriage ceremony and witnesses the promises made before him.
- The rings given at the marriage ceremony symbolise endless love. For Christians, the rings also serve as a reminder that God is active in the lives of the couple.

Holy Orders

- In Christianity, holy orders is the sacrament by which people are ordained as priests or deacons.
- It is a sacrament carried out by a bishop, who must lay his hands on the candidate.
- Taking holy orders is a commitment for life both to God and to the Church, as they are given certain powers, including passing on God's forgiveness of sins.



Red Can I identify Christian customs and ceremonies?

Write a paragraph answering these questions:

- What are the 7 sacraments?
- What is one way that all of them are linked?
- Why are the 7 sacraments important to Christians?
- Which one do you think is the most important to Christians and why?

Yellow Can I identify Christian customs and ceremonies?

Write a paragraph explaining:

- The 7 sacraments and how they are linked to each other.
- Why they are important to Christians and which one you think is the most important for Christians.

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Write a paragraph explaining what you have learnt about the 7 sacraments and why they are important to Christians. Include which one you think is the most important to Christians and why.