

# Living a Hindu life: Belonging



## Aim:

To explore Hinduism's special occasions and why religions mark these important moments?

## Starter:

What special occasions or ceremonies have you been through? (Religious, non-religious, rites of passage)

- Q: Discuss what **effect** have they had on you?
- Q: Have they **changed you** in any way (physically, mentally, and spiritually)?
- Q: Discuss whether other people **treat you differently** having been through an important ceremony?
- Q: Discuss why these ceremonies are **important?**



# Special Hindu occasions:

## Birth naming and sacred thread.

How to make notes:

Write a subheading - **Before birth:**

Notes - **reduce the paragraph**

**you read into 1 or 2 full sentences.** You give **detail** and **explain** what is happening.

Eg.

Before birth:

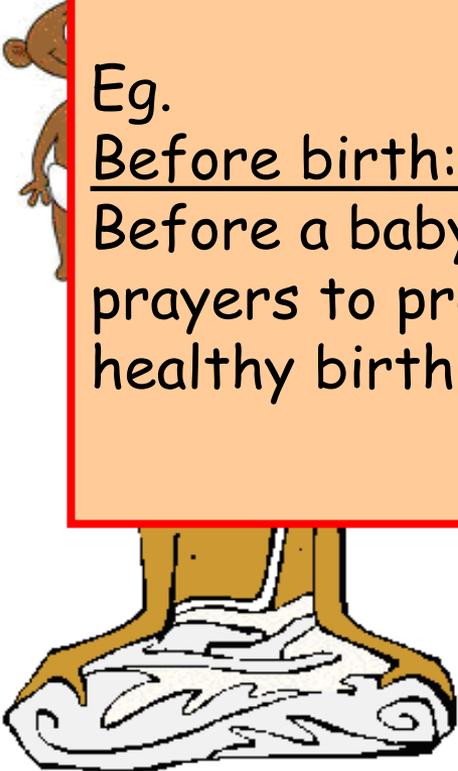
Before a baby arrives Hindu's pray, they make prayers to protect the mother, baby and for a healthy birth.

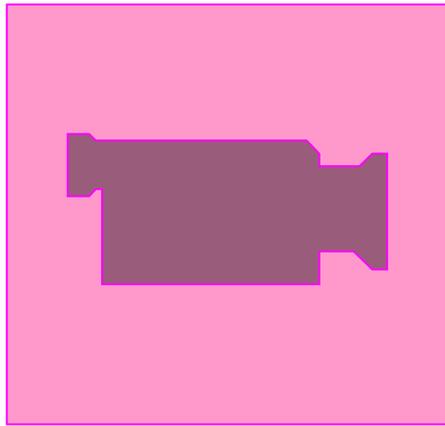
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- The Hindu family?
- The Hindu community?





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## Task: Stick into books and complete

"There are many family ceremonies and they happen at all the key stages in the life of a Hindu.

A really important ceremony for boys is the sacred thread ceremony. The boy will wear the thread for the rest of his life and it marks another stage in growing up. The ceremony is another way of saying you are no longer an infant and I thought people would treat me with a little more respect."



Infant Sacred Growing Hindu Thread Respect

## Plenary:

1. In a spider diagram - List the key elements at the centre of any special ceremony, religious, non-religious



Reflection - What have I learned:

Q: How do religious ceremonies help us to explore what life means? Use the words listen in your diagram to make a paragraph.