



Bakewell Methodist Junior School

RE knowledge bank

What do religions say to us when life gets hard?

Key questions

What questions have you got about what happens when we die?

What do some people think carries on after we have died? What is our soul?

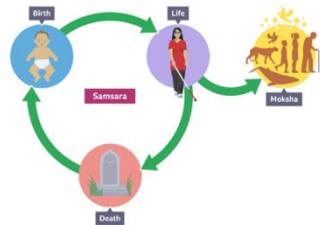
Do some people believe that you come back to life as a different thing? What is reincarnation?

Do you get to heaven if you do things wrong?

What do Christians think happens when we die?

What do people who don't believe in God think happens when we die?

What different ideas are there about what happens when we die? What do I think?



An illustration of the Hindu belief of the cycle of life and death.

Vocabulary

Bereavement	Grieving over the death of a loved one.
Death	The end or ending of life.
Eulogy	A speech that praises someone who has died.
Forgiveness	A decision to free yourself from holding on to resentment and feelings of revenge towards someone who hurt you.
Heaven	The place where God or the gods live, in some religions.
Rituals	A ceremony or series of acts that is always performed the same way.
Sin	An action that breaks a religious law.
Soul	The spiritual part of a person believed to give life to the body
Reincarnation	being born into another life
Moksha	escape from the cycle of being-life, death and rebirth that happen as a result of Karma.
Karma	the law of cause and effect, the idea that every action we take will have consequences either positive or negative.
Dharma	A person's duty, the right thing to do in any given situation

Sticky Knowledge

Christian believe in God and the implications of this, including belief in sin, forgiveness and heaven.

Muslims believe that all through life you have two angels on your shoulders who write down all the good and bad deeds that you commit during your life. After death your deeds are weighed.

Hindu's believe in reincarnation. The Hindu philosophy says that the body is just the outer garment of the individual. The real self does not die but goes on and assumes another body.

Humanists believe a full life is one that contributes to the lives of others as well, so relationships and caring for others are seen as part of being 'fully human'.