

Class 4 RE: Understanding Life After Death

Learning objective: To explore different beliefs about life after death and understand how these beliefs influence how people live their lives today.

Read each flashcard to learn about different perspectives on what happens after we die. Use these to help you understand why many people find comfort in these beliefs.

What is the 'Afterlife'?

The afterlife is the belief that a person's spirit or soul continues to exist in some form after their physical body has died.

What do many Christians believe happens after death?

Many Christians believe in Heaven, a place of peace and joy where they are reunited with God and loved ones who have passed away.

What is 'Reincarnation'?

Reincarnation is a belief, held by many Hindus and Buddhists, that the soul is born again into a new physical body after death.

What is a 'Soul'?

A soul is often described as the non-physical part of a person, which some believe holds their personality and character and continues to live on.

How can someone leave a 'Legacy' behind?

A legacy is the lasting impact a person has on the world, such as the kindness they showed, the things they created, or the memories they left with others.

Why is the idea of life after death important to many people?

It provides comfort, hope, and a sense of purpose, helping people to feel that life has a deeper meaning beyond the physical world.

What is 'Faith'?

Faith is a strong trust or belief in something, even when there is no physical proof, such as believing in a life after death.

How might a belief in the afterlife change how someone lives today?

People may choose to be kinder, more generous, and live a 'good' life to prepare for what they believe happens next.

Do all people believe in life after death?

No, some people believe that life ends completely when the body dies, and they focus on making the most of their time on Earth.

Who is Pip the caterpillar thinking about today?

Pip is thinking about how memories of loved ones keep them alive in our hearts and minds forever.

What do we call the ceremonies held to remember someone who has died?

These are often called funerals or memorials, which are times for friends and family to gather and share memories.

Why do people often visit graves or special places of remembrance?

To feel close to the person they have lost and to show respect and love for the time they shared together.