

Year 5 Religious Education: Festivals of Light and Celebration

Learning objective: To develop a sophisticated vocabulary for comparing and contrasting religious and cultural festivals, exploring their origins, symbolism, and communal significance.

Key Vocabulary

Study this vocabulary reference that to support your enquiry into how communities mark special occasions. The terms are categorised by their function within a festival: 'Observance' (how people act), 'Symbolism' (what things represent), and 'Community' (the people involved).

Tradition A belief or behaviour passed down...	Ritual A series of actions or a ceremony per...	Sacred Something connected with God or a ...
Commemorate To recall and show respect f...	Symbolism The use of objects, colours, or a...	Deity A divine being, god, or goddess worsh...
Observance The action or practice of fulfillin...	Liturgical Relating to public worship or the e...	Pilgrimage A journey, often into a foreign pl...
Reflection A period of serious thought or co...	Unity The state of being joined together as a...	Inclusion The practice of providing equal ac...
Explain why festi...	Compare and con...	Justify your ans... Is it possible for a festival...
What might happ...	If you were to cre...	Explain the impor...