



R.E: SPECIAL PEOPLE

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Overview

- Almost all of us have someone in our lives who is special. Lots of us have many people who are special to us!
- We each have our own special qualities and characteristics. These make us unique!
- Many religious people, for example Christians, Hindus and Sikhs, have special people that mean a lot to them and their religion.
- In these religions, some special people (and their teachings) are often sacred.

Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism and one of ten Sikh Gurus.



In Hinduism



Rama and Sita



- Rama and Sita are special individuals in Sikhism.
- The story goes that Rama was a good man, who was married to a beautiful princess called Sita.
- They were banished into a forest with Lakshman, Rama's brother, by his stepmother.
- In the forest, Ravana, a demon king with ten heads, kidnapped Sita. Rama and Lakshman, with the help of the monkey king, Hanuman fought Ravana for ten days until they defeated him.
- Rama was heroic, brave, noble and loving
- Sita was loyal, devoted, faithful and loving.
- To Hindus, Rama & Sita show how to be a perfect husband & wife.

Celebrating them at Diwali

- When Rama and Sita returned to their kingdom, people welcomed them with rows of 'divas' (small clay lamps).
- Today, Hindus celebrate Diwali in October/ November time. People light their own divas in homes, streets and temples.
- By doing so, they celebrate how good defeated evil.



Key Vocabulary

- Special
- Characteristics
- Sacred
- Christianity
- Jesus Christ
- Christmas
- Hinduism
- Rama
- Sita
- Diwali
- Sikhism
- Guru Nanak
- Gurpurb



In Christianity



Jesus Christ



- Jesus Christ is the central person in Christianity.
- To Christians, he is the most important person who ever lived.
- He lived around 2,000 years ago in the land that is now called Israel.
- In his life, Jesus showed people how to live in a kind and caring way.
- Jesus performed miracles, including helping the sick to get better, and looked after people that had been turned away by others.
- Christians call him the Son of God, and pray for him to help them in their lives.
- Christians try to follow the good example that Jesus set for them about how to live.

Celebrating him at Christmas



- Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas time (in December).
- Jesus' mother, Mary, was visited by Gabriel the angel, and told that she would give birth to the Son of God.
- She (and her partner, Joseph) travelled to Bethlehem. There, Jesus was born in a stable. The new baby was visited by shepherds and by wise men.
- The scene in which Jesus was born is called the 'nativity.'
- At Christmas time, people put up lights to brighten the winter darkness – this shows how Jesus was the 'light of the world.' They also give each other gifts.



In Sikhism



Guru Nanak



- Guru Nanak is the founder of Sikhism.
- He lived around 500 years ago in Punjab (now in Pakistan and India).
- Sikhs believe that one day, whilst he was bathing, he was taken by God for three days.
- When he returned, he spread messages from God to those around him about how to be good.
- He became the first of the Ten Gurus, who led the Sikh religion.

Celebrating him at Gurpurb



- Sikhs celebrate Guru Nanak's birthday every November at Gurpurb.
- The holy book, the Guru Granth Sahib, is read aloud. It is so long that it takes around 48 hours!
- They also sing special hymns, called Shabads.

Personal Spirituality – Key Questions

What makes me special?

What makes my friends/ family special?

Which people/ pets are special to me? Why?

When do I feel special?

How can I make others feel special?

What special things have I/ others done in my life?

What special quality do I/ others have?

Who do other people think are special? Why?