Unit Question	Religion(s) Covered
Which times are special and why?	Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism

Year Group: Reception

Suggested Hours: 6 hours

Key Vocabulary	RE Skills	Points to Note
Anniversary Birthday Funeral Christening Baptism Prayer Wedding celebration Diwali Hannukah/ Chanukah Eid Rangoli	Characteristics of Effective Learning Resources: www.retoday.org.uk Good programmes from BBC Teach (RE) https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks1religious- studies/zmtvwty	Whilst most families will celebrate birthdays not all cultures do, so sensitivity is needed. Please start with the children's own knowledge- can use the Christian or Muslim stories as a starting point so there is no set sequence for the key questions. Please be familiar with the stories before the session so consideration can be given to any sensitive language which you may want to amend.

Chattertub

Clock

A calendar

Confetti

A white candle or baptism candle

Picture of fireworks

A celebration cake

Flowers

A Christening robe

A wedding invitation

Picture of a wedding

Anniversary card

Party poppers

Valentine card

Heart

Chinese New Year objects

Diwali objects

Balloon

Rangoli patterns

Advent candle

Key Questions 1: What special times have you had? Times during the day- sequencing

What did you celebrate?

Celebrations in the children's own lives, their family and friends

Who did you share a special time with? Where?



Key Question 2: What do other people celebrate?

Look at reminders- major events/festivals in the year- match events to the month What happens during some of these festivals?- prayers, food, decorations, clothes, dancing, parties, gifts

Relate to other celebrations that the children have participated in at school eg Harvest, Eid,

Key Question 3: When are candles used as part of celebrations?

the celebration of Diwali- the children could make diva lamps the celebration of Hannukah

Look at the Christian time of advent and Christingle service Advent candle

Key Question 4:

Look at the story of Rama & Sita

Look at the story linked to Hannukah Look at the story of Chinese New Year

Look at the story-Samira's Eid

What stories can you remember about festivals?

Have a Chinese restaurant role play area, small world animals to retell the race story, make animal masks

Make diva lights, rangoli patterns, learn a diwali dance with sticks

Make menorahs

Activities:

Unit Assessment: what times are special and why?

Which is your favourite festival? Draw some pictures or collect pictures to show what you have learnt.





