

# Year 2: How do different communities express beliefs and values through water?

## Knowledge Organiser

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Spring 1

Religion  
Water

### Vocabulary

**Cleansing:** to wash away any negativity or sins.

**Purifying:** to make or become pure.

**Sacred:** is believed to be holy and to have a special connection with God.

**Symbol:** important beliefs in the image of an object or picture.

**Wudu:** ritual of cleansing in Islam before prayer.

## What we will be learning about this term:

- **Water** is an important part of life for all- it helps us to survive.
- Water is used for **cleansing** and **purifying**.
- **Christians** use **water** for **baptism**-it washes away past **sins** and welcomes a person into the **faith**.
- **Islam** uses water for **Wudu** (practising of cleansing before prayers) and **ZamZam** water is sacred.
- **Jewish** people use water as a **symbol of blessing and punishment**. Water is an important **symbol** of when God parted the Red Sea so that Israelites crossed to safety.
- **Hindus** believe water is sacred as it can **purify the soul**.



Islam:  
Zamzam Well



Judaism:  
Parting of the Red Sea

## By the end of this unit, we will:

- Understand why water is **important** to life
- Understand how some religions use water as a symbol of **cleansing**
- Understand how some religions use water as a **symbol of new beginnings** and **new life**
- Consider why water is **important** to many faiths



Hinduism: River Ganges- purifying



Christianity- Baptism