

Marriage



BUILDINGS AND CELEBRATIONS - YEAR 5

The Big Question

Has marriage really changed?

STICKY KNOWLEDGE– MARRIAGE

Marriage is a legally recognised relationship between two people.

There are special symbols related to marriage:

- rings (which symbolise eternal love)
- white dress (which symbolises purity)
- relationship with Jesus
- Church (which symbolises the eyes of God)

The events and traditions of a traditional Christian wedding, are:

- It takes place in a church
- Families sit separate
- The bride walks down an aisle
- Father gives the bride away
- Vows are spoken
- Married by the vicar/priest
- Wedding reception takes place afterwards
- There is a wedding cake
- Rice is thrown over the happy couple

For Hindus, marriage is a duty – something we must do. Marriage will not only link us together for the rest of our lives, it will link our families and communities together too.

Sikhs worship in a Gurdwara and the religious leader is a Granthi.

KEY VOCABULARY

Marriage	The state of two people being joined by law, having pledged to be faithful to one another all their lives as a couple.
Commitment	The state of having pledged or obligated oneself.
Vows	A serious promise or pledge.
Ceremony	A formal act or series of acts done in a particular way to honour a special occasion.
Bride	A woman who is about to be married or was just married.
Groom	A man who is about to be or has just been married.
Aisle	An open space for passing between rows or sections of seats