



## Prior Knowledge

### **EYFS:**

I can talk about my own experiences and can link these to the communities to which I belong.

I have explored how people have different beliefs and celebrate in different ways and made comparisons.

### **What do Hindus believe about God?**

There is one God (Brahman) but Hindus also worship deities which are different parts of that one God.

### **What do Jewish people believe about God?**

There is one God who created the world.

### **Who is Jesus?**

Christians believe Jesus is God's son and that he lived on earth a long time ago.



## New Knowledge

### **What does light represent?**

Light is one of the oldest and most important symbols. It represents hope and being good.

### **What is Diwali and what special story is remembered?**

Diwali is the **Hindu** festival of light. It marks the beginning of new year for Hindus. The story of Rama and Sita is remembered. This story represents good winning over evil.



### **How is Diwali celebrated?**

Lakshmi, goddess of wealth, is honoured.

Diya lamps are lit, lights and decorations are put up in people's homes, firework displays. Friends and families get together, cards and gifts are exchanged.

### **What is the story of Hanukkah and why is it special?**

Hanukkah is the **Jewish** festival of light.

In the story of Hanukkah, a king destroyed a beautiful Jewish temple.. A miracle happened and the menorah in the temple burned for 8 days and 8 nights. The light enabled the Maccabees to repair the temple. It helps Jewish people remember that God can help them.



### **How is the Jewish festival of Hanukkah celebrated?**

The festival lasts for 8 days. One candle is lit each night on a special menorah called a hanukiah. People remember the miracle of the oil by eating fried foods such as doughnuts.

### **What does a Christingle represent?**

A Christingle service is a joyful Christian celebration of 'Jesus as the light of the world'.

Orange – world    Red ribbon – unending love    Sweets – God's creation

Candle – hope



### **What do Christians mean when they say 'Jesus is the light of the world'?**

Christians believe Jesus can bring hope and guidance to people just like a light.