

# CELEBRATIONS



## Content and skills

This chapter addresses how and why people celebrate the rituals of baptism, Christmas, Easter, Passover, Ramadan and Divali. The theme of Celebrations is a common approach to teaching and learning in religious education at Key Stage 1. Through work on celebrations the children will encounter worship in the home as well as in the place of worship. They will learn about the beliefs and rituals of the family and of the faith community as well as the stories, special people and events which have given rise to these beliefs and rituals.

This chapter encourages the children to think about what it means to celebrate in a family and in a faith community. The ideas and activities will provide an insight in to what it means to celebrate within Christianity, Judaism and Islam. The chapter relates to the breadth of study in the non-statutory national framework for religious education which states that 'Christianity and at least one other principal religion should be taught at Key Stage 1'. It also relates to the framework's themes of celebrations, story and symbols. These are themes found in most locally agreed syllabuses for religious education, which form the legal requirement for teaching religious education.

The Resource Gallery for 'Celebrations' on the CD-ROM, together with the teacher's notes and photocopiable pages in this chapter, can be used to support teaching and learning about celebrations. The teacher's notes contain background information about the resources and include ways of using them as a whole class, for group work or as individuals. Some of the activities link with other areas of the curriculum, such as literacy and art and design. Wherever possible, the activities encourage the children to ask questions and develop an enquiring approach to their learning.

## Resources on the CD-ROM

The resources include images of artefacts from Christianity, Judaism and Islam that you might find in a family home or in a place of worship. There are also photographs that show people both at home and in the church, synagogue and mosque. These resources serve to develop the children's understanding of celebration, and what it means to a religious family and faith community.

## Photocopiable pages

The photocopiable pages in the book are also provided in PDF format on the CD-ROM and can be printed from there. They include:

- ▶ word cards containing essential vocabulary for the unit
- ▶ activity sheets on the stories of the Nativity and Passover
- ▶ activity sheets on celebrating Id-ul-Fitr and Divali
- ▶ an activity sheet on observing the phases of the Moon.

