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Vows and commitments



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Key Concepts

- A commitment is the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause or action.
- Throughout our lives we make certain commitments to people or causes.
- In the Christian faith they show their commitment to marriage through vows and their impact on others.
- Vows in wedding ceremonies and the impact of marriage
- Comparing Jewish and Muslim wedding vows and symbolism
- Comparing Religious and non religious wedding ceremonies- Christian and Humanist

Key questions

- What does commitment involve?
- What are you committed to?
- What are the challenges of commitment?
- How do married partners show their commitment to one another?
- Why are there traditional symbols involved in making vows?
- How do Jewish and Muslim weddings differ/compare?
- Why do people choose religious or non religious ceremonies?
- What vows would you want to make to a partner or friend?



Key Facts

- Commitment is challenging and rewarding.
- Commitment involves hard work, compromise and determination not to give up too easily.
- The origins of marriage are rooted in a desire for security and family.
- Marriage started as an agreement between two families in ancient Jewish tradition that was legal but not religious.
- Religious Christian weddings started in the Middle Ages.
- Humanist weddings are ceremonies without the religious element.
- Vows help us to concentrate on what is important in a partnership.

Key Vocabulary

Commitment: A promise or firm decision to do something

Vow: To make a determined decision or promise to do something

Inspire: To make someone feel that they want to do something and can do it.

Marriage: A legally accepted relationship between two people in which they live together or the official ceremony that results in this.

Symbols: A sign, shape or object that is used to represent something else.

Tradition: A belief, principle, or way of acting that people in a particular society or group have continued to follow for a long time.

Test Yourself

Why do people make commitments?

What reasons do people get married for?

What are weddings like in different religions?

What are Muslim and Jewish weddings like?

How do religious and secular ceremonies differ?



What do weddings look like?

