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 <p>Religions often make a ritual out of a common shared experience, like needing to say sorry. The ritual can be very powerful.</p>		<p>Classroom or homework tasks: festivities are...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer this in 100 words: Religious festivals are some of the ‘best bits’ of faith. Many Jewish, Christian, Muslim or Hindu people don’t go to their place of worship every week – but they do like their festivals. Mosques are full at Eid, and Churches are full at Christmas. Why? Is it because festivals are more fun than weekly worship, or because the meaning, culture and community life of festivals all tie in with childhood nostalgia and memories? Or some other reasons? • People celebrate whether they are religious or not. Consider New Year, the Glastonbury Festival, Remembrance Day or Valentine’s Night. What is being celebrated and / or remembered on each of these occasions? In what ways are they similar to and different from religious festivals. Note that maybe 100,000 people ‘do Glastonbury’, while over 15 million do Yom Kippur, and over 2.5 billion do Christmas – religious festivals are the biggest human events on earth. <p>Suggested outcomes: students can...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give an informed account of common elements of different annual ‘big days’ in religions • Give reasons for their views about why festivals are some of the most popular parts of a religion. • Handle information and ideas effectively by making a comparison between religious festivals and other kinds of celebrations.
<p>Which religions and beliefs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewish • Christian • Hindu • Muslim <p>Clip available here: www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-education-ks3-a-z-of-religion-and-beliefs-y-is-for-yom-kippur/zv7wxyz</p>	<p>Key Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What matters most at Yom Kippur, Easter, Eid Ul Fitr and Divali? • Are these festivals and celebrations basically the same or essentially different? • How do religious festivals compare with occasions like New Year, the Glastonbury Festival, Remembrance Day or Valentine’s Night? 	

Y is for Yom Kippur

What matters at different festivals?

Keywords: memory, emotion, tradition, spirituality, repentance, fresh start.

Five Facts about Yom Kippur:

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What matters to Christians at Easter?

What matters to Muslims at Eid Ul Fitr?

What matters to Hindus at Divali?

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Maybe 100,000 people 'do Glastonbury', while over 15 million do Yom Kippur, and over 2.5 billion do Christmas – religious festivals are the biggest human events on earth. What explains their success?

'Big days of the year':

In your own life, what are the stand-out days? Maybe there are some with a religious connection, but others are more about your family. Describe two of them, and say what mattered to you about these days.