

# RE— Which stories are special and why?

Year 4+

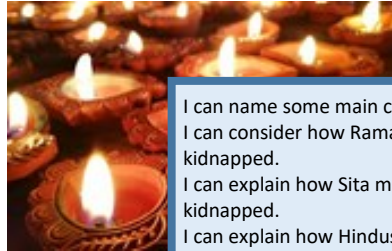
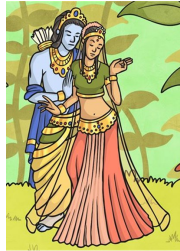


## Key vocabulary

### Diwali

**On 24th Oct 2022**

A Hindu festival of light celebrating the story of Rama and Sita and good conquering evil.



I can name some main characters in this story.  
I can consider how Rama may have felt when Sita was kidnapped.  
I can explain how Sita may have felt when she was kidnapped.  
I can explain how Hindus celebrate Diwali.

### Hanukkah

**From 18th—26th Dec 2022**

A Jewish festival celebrating a victory and a miracle in which just a day's supply of oil allowed the menorah (Hanukkiah or Hanukkah Menorah) in the rededicated Temple in Jerusalem to remain lit for eight days.



I can retell the story of Hanukkah.  
I know that Jewish people celebrate this festival.

### Wesak

**On 5th May 2023**

A Buddhist Festival celebrating the day when Prince Siddhartha became enlightened and known as Buddha.



I can explain why Wesak is special for Buddhists.

### Vaisakhi

**On 13th / 14th April 2023**

A Sikh festival celebrating the beginning of the Khalsa and also the Sikh new year and harvest.

I can explain why Vaisakhi is special for Sikhs.



Throughout this year we are learning about some religious celebrations, many based on special stories. This helps children to understand the diverse society that we live in. (Christmas, Easter and Eid are covered in different units)

#### Home Learning:

- Around the time of each celebration use the internet to find out more about the stories behind the festivals and how people celebrate.

Useful links:

[Let's Celebrate - CBeebies - BBC](#)

[My First Festivals - CBeebies - BBC](#)

- Use the 'I can statements' and pictures to prompt your child to tell you what they can remember about Diwali and Hanukkah. If they are uncertain they can find out more using the links above.
- Talk about special stories that you and your child like. Discuss why they are important to you?