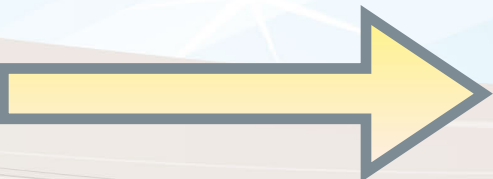


Christian Rites of Passage

Learning Objective:

To understand what a rite of passage is.



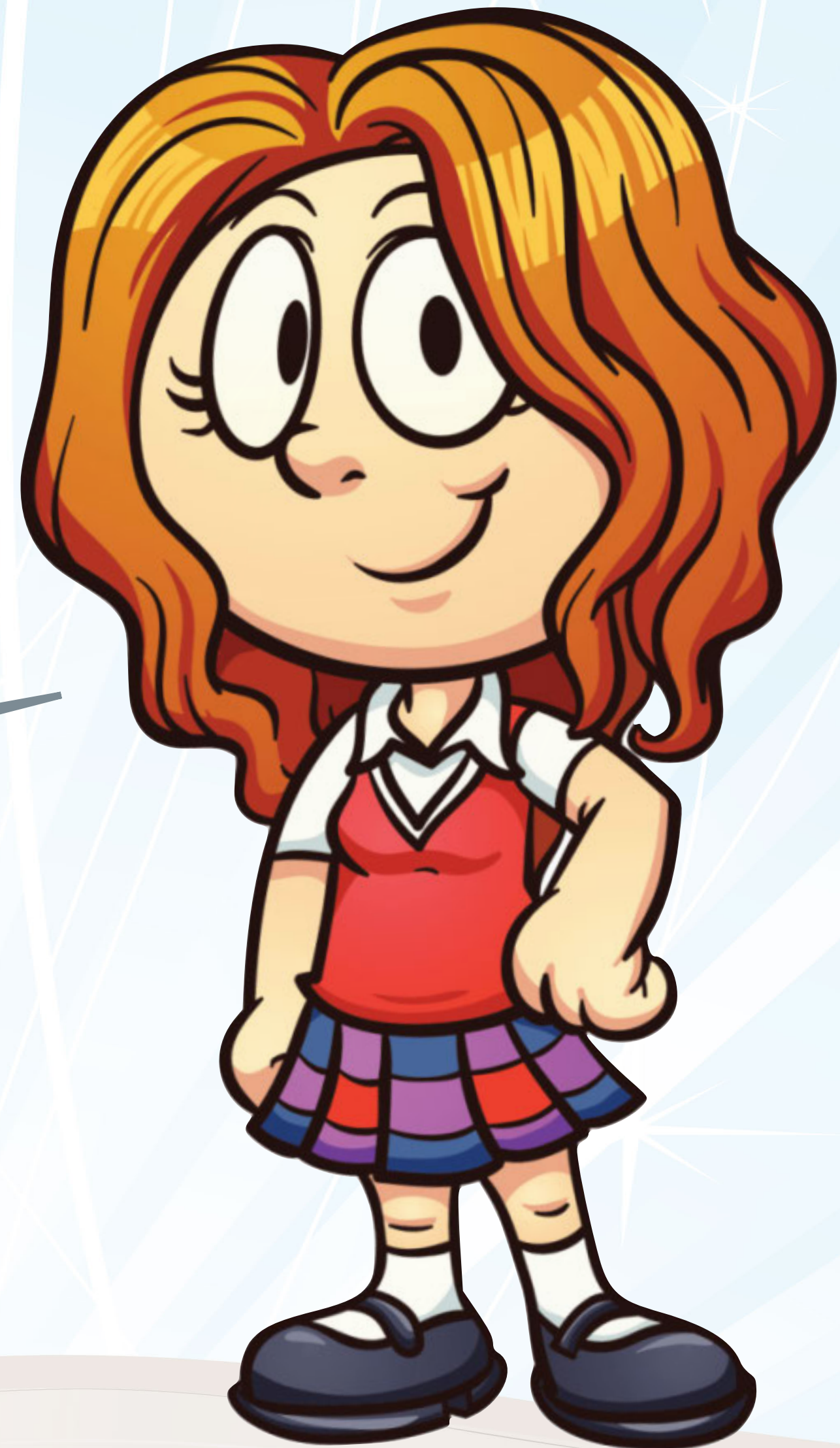


What has been the most important event in your life so far?

Tell the person next to you.

Why was it important to you?

Who was with you?



Do you know what a rite of passage is?



Yes!

A rite of passage is an event that marks an important stage in someone's life.






So the events you talked about could be rites of passage.

Did anyone talk about a religious event?

Rites of passage can be religious and non-religious.

They mark the transition from one stage of life to the next.



I am a child who will one day become...



An adult!



On the next slide are
some
rites of passage.

Have you heard
of them?

Discuss them as a class.

Birth

Talking for the
first time

Starting
school

Marriage

Graduation

Becoming an
adult

Holy
Communion

Baptism

Death

Walking for the
first time

Learning how to
drive

Bar Mitzvah

Look at the rites of passage again.

Which ones can be religious?



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Did you
choose these
ones?



Most religions hold ceremonies to mark important rites of passage.

The events that religions usually celebrate as a rite of passage are:

Birth, initiation into the religion, coming of age, marriage and death.





Think about the event you discussed with your partner at the beginning of the lesson.

Was it a rite of passage?

Plenary

Which of these events are rites of passage?
Why?



Visiting a friend during the holidays.

A naming ceremony.

Your 8th birthday.

A marriage.

A funeral.

Going on a trip to the country.