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Water Ceremonies

An activity of "The trouble with dams"

We all know that water is an essential part of our lives — for drinking, bathing, and other daily activities. Water is also important in another way. It is often used symbolically in traditions. This activity involves finding ways in which water is used in ceremonies, rituals, and places of worship by religious communities in Singapore.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read **"The trouble with dams"** (page 19) to get a sense of what happens when people are concerned about not getting enough water.
2. Work in pairs. Select any five religions that are practised in Singapore. These include Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Sikhism, Taoism, The Baha'i Faith, and Zoroastrianism. You may select a religion that is not in this list.
3. Find out various ways in which water is used by these religions groups. Rely on more than one source of information to get your facts right. You may go online, interview a person of that faith, visit your community library or call the place of worship or some other religious organisation to get your answers. Record your information below.

	Community	How water is used in religious ceremonies	Our Info Sources
a.			
b.			
c.			
d.			
e.			

4. Share your findings with your class.