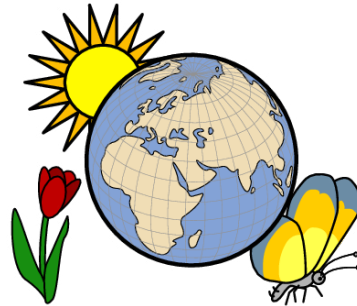




## **Spirituality**

We have the right to choose our spirituality and beliefs.  
We have the right to have support to join in spiritual activities and groups. We have the right to choose not to join in with spiritual activities.



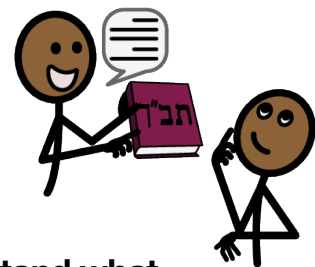


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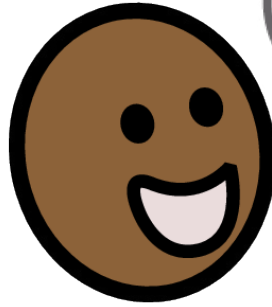
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You and your supporters might find some clues to your spirituality by thinking about:

- the types of music you like and how you feel when you listen to it
- the things you like to read
- which pictures have special meaning for you
- the dates you like to celebrate or remember
- your favourite places
- whether you prefer to spend private time alone, or with groups of people
- likes and dislikes around food which might be to do with your spirituality
- whether you practice any rituals which may have spiritual meaning to you
- the things you notice or are attracted to in people or places
- your favourite objects
- what difference you would like to make in the world



**What else could people notice about you, or ask you, to understand what spirituality means to you?** You can write your ideas in your planning manual.



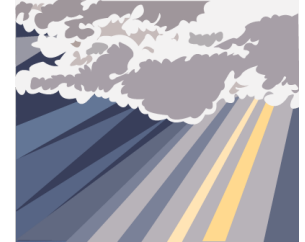
God?  
Spirit?  
Church?  
Prayer?

**Do you need support to learn what  
spiritual words mean?**

## Do you need support to learn about what spiritual words mean?

Do you need support to understand some of these words or ideas:

- the difference between body, spirit and soul?
- God, or a 'higher being'?
- what it means when people say all people are connected to each other?
- why people with the same beliefs get together to share their spirituality?
- spiritual rituals?
- meditation?
- prayer?
- atheism and agnosticism?
- church, mosque, synagogue or other places of worship?
- non-religious words people use to express spiritual ideas, like energy, zen or the meaning of life?



## Which other spiritual words or ideas might you need support to understand?

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## Culture

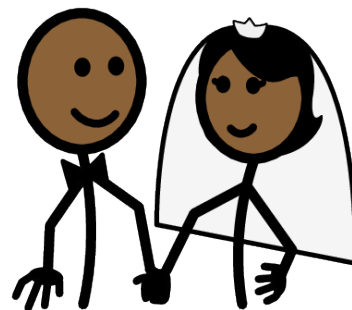
**Do you need support to explore the spirituality of your culture?**



## Do you need support to explore the spirituality of your culture?

Do you need support to understand any of these parts of your culture or religion:

- beliefs and values?
- rituals and traditions?
- stories and history?
- important celebrations?
- dietary practices?
- moral codes?
- approaches to health, health practices and medicine?
- beliefs and practices about transitions like birth, death or marriage?
- behaviours which are ok, and those which are taboo?
- attitudes to privacy and touching?



## What else do you need to understand about your culture or religion?

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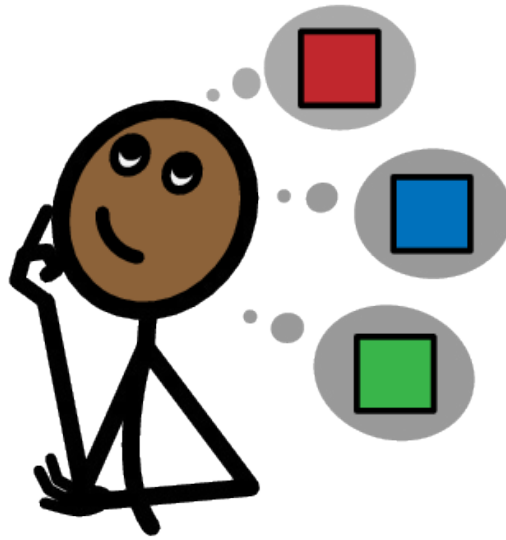
Would you like to try:

- attending some of the churches in your community?
- making a visual chart which maps the things you like about each spiritual place you visit?
- some meditation groups?
- joining in the activities of your local environmental groups?
- getting to know the people who belong to a spiritual group you are interested in?
- joining in social events run by a spiritual group?
- listening to the music of different religious groups and saying which music you like?
- attending some religious festivals or celebrations in your community?
- joining in prayer with others?
- being supported to learn about religious texts in a study group?

### What else could you do to experience new spiritual places, practices and groups?

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**Do you need support to include your spiritual beliefs and values in decisions you make?**

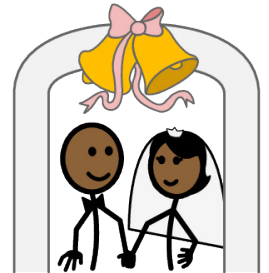
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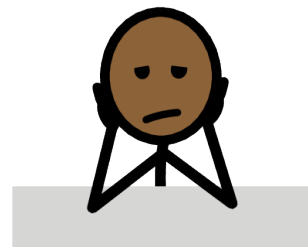
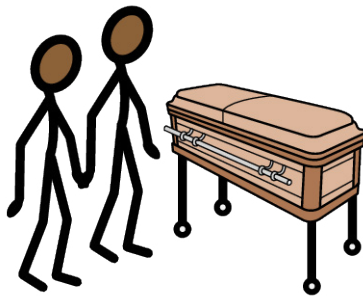
Would you like help to think about how your religious or spiritual beliefs can be supported when you are making decisions about how you live your life, for example by:

- getting a version of your religion's rules in Easy English, in audio or as pictures?
- hearing stories from other people you know and how their beliefs affect their decisions?
- exploring how you want your spirituality to guide your choices in relationships with other people?
- learning about the rules your religion has about romantic relationships and marriage?
- planning how your spirituality will be part of your daily life, like having prayer or meditation time included in your daily schedule?
- getting support to choose which practices of your faith you don't want to do?
- inviting your faith community to be part of supported decision making, planning or staff training?
- making sure there is always somebody who shares your faith to support your decision making and planning?
- assisting you to say what you want to do for your community, like being of service to other people?

**How else could your religious or spiritual beliefs be included when you are making decisions about your life?**

You can write your ideas in your planning manual.





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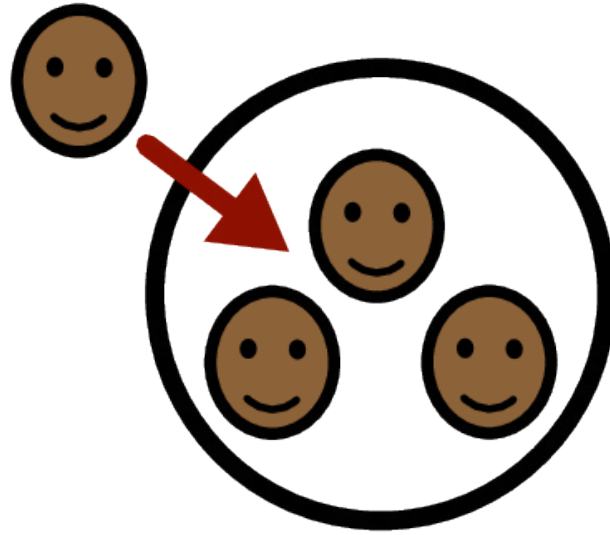
Would you like to make sure that you can have your spiritual needs met at these times, for example by:

- exploring different beliefs about the meaning of birth and death, like reincarnation or heaven?
- learning about the different rituals of birth and death, such as christenings or funerals?
- talking about non-religious rituals such as as civil marriages or commitment ceremonies?
- reading about the beliefs of different cultures about what happens as you grow from being a child to an adult?
- getting support to ask for help to find spiritual meaning in sad things that happen?
- thinking about your beliefs about death, and telling someone what kind of funeral you want to have?
- making a plan for the spiritual needs you think you will have if you are sick or feeling very sad, like making sure you can see the people from your church at these times?
- getting help to tell people what your needs are around prayer, meditation or going to church?

**What other support might you need to choose how spirituality is part of your life when things are very happy, very sad or very hard?**

Write your ideas in your planning manual.





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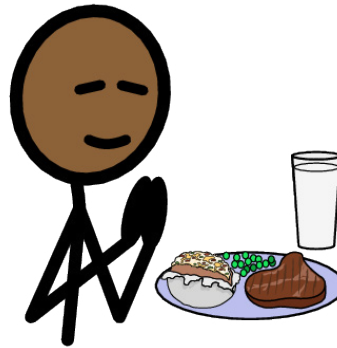
- working out how you can get into and around buildings?
- finding out how to change written texts so you can understand them?
- using pictures to help you understand and join in rituals, ceremonies, classes or religious holidays?
- reflecting on the role of disability in their faith and values?
- learning how to make services and ceremonies more accessible to you?
- exploring ways that your spiritual community can welcome and interact with you?
- working out how you can join in choir or music that is sung or played?
- figuring out how to transport you to and from the place you meet each week?
- helping people to know its ok to invite you to their house or to social events?
- learning about your gifts and strengths to find out how you want to contribute to your spiritual community?



## What other help does your spiritual community need to include you?

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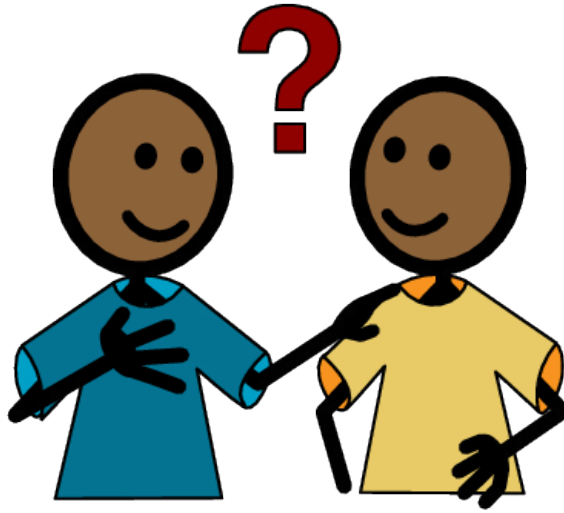
Do your supporters need help to make sure that:

- your communication device has the words you need to talk about your religion?
- they are supporting you to take part in any daily rituals and traditions you choose?
- you are supported to take part in religious festivals or holy days each year?
- you have access to any religious items which are important to you?
- you can do the activities which support your spirituality like music, art, drama, science or nature?
- they are supporting you to have quiet time for prayer or meditation as often as you want?
- you can ask for help from your faith community when you need it, like when you want others to pray for you?
- you have access to your faith community of choice?
- you can invite members of your spiritual group to social events at your home?

**What else might your supporters need to understand about their role in supporting your spirituality?**

You can write your ideas in your planning manual.





**Do your support staff need help to understand how to respect your spirituality?**

## Do your support staff need help to understand how to respect your spirituality?

Does your support organisation or do your support staff need help to make sure that:

- some or all of your support staff are of the same faith as you if this is your wish?
- they have training to understand your faith and its role in your life?
- they are not offending your faith in the way they use language, for example by not using the name of God as a way to express anger, or not telling religious jokes?
- they are respectful of any taboos or superstitions of your culture?
- they are not putting pressure on you to change your beliefs or to agree with their beliefs?
- they understand how your faith affects your daily routines, the way you dress, or food?
- they respect your beliefs about death and support you to share your thoughts?
- they notice when you are in a spiritual space and are careful not to interrupt you?
- their own beliefs don't stop them from supporting your right to your spiritual life?

### What else might your support staff need help with when it comes to respecting your spirituality?

You can write your ideas in your planning manual.

