

Exploring Our World

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An Aled and Siân Book



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About Aled and Siân

Aled and Siân love doing exciting things and exploring the world around them. In the *Exploring Our World* series Aled and Siân share some of their experiences with their Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim friends. Aled and Siân also enjoy listening to their friends' stories, and learn about how these relate to their own. This helps the friends get to know one another better.

The series takes seriously the social significance of religion and is based on extensive research into how children learn about themselves, others and the world in which they live.

To support this storybook series, there is a large range of free downloadable resources for children and teachers available at hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources and st-marys-centre.org.uk

The storybooks and activities are devised for 3- to 5-year-olds and 5- to 7-year-olds, but the downloadable resources make the series relevant for younger and older children too.

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3- to -5-year-olds
Celebrations
Myself and Others
Times and Seasons

5- to -7-year-olds
Journeys
Special People
Signs and Symbols





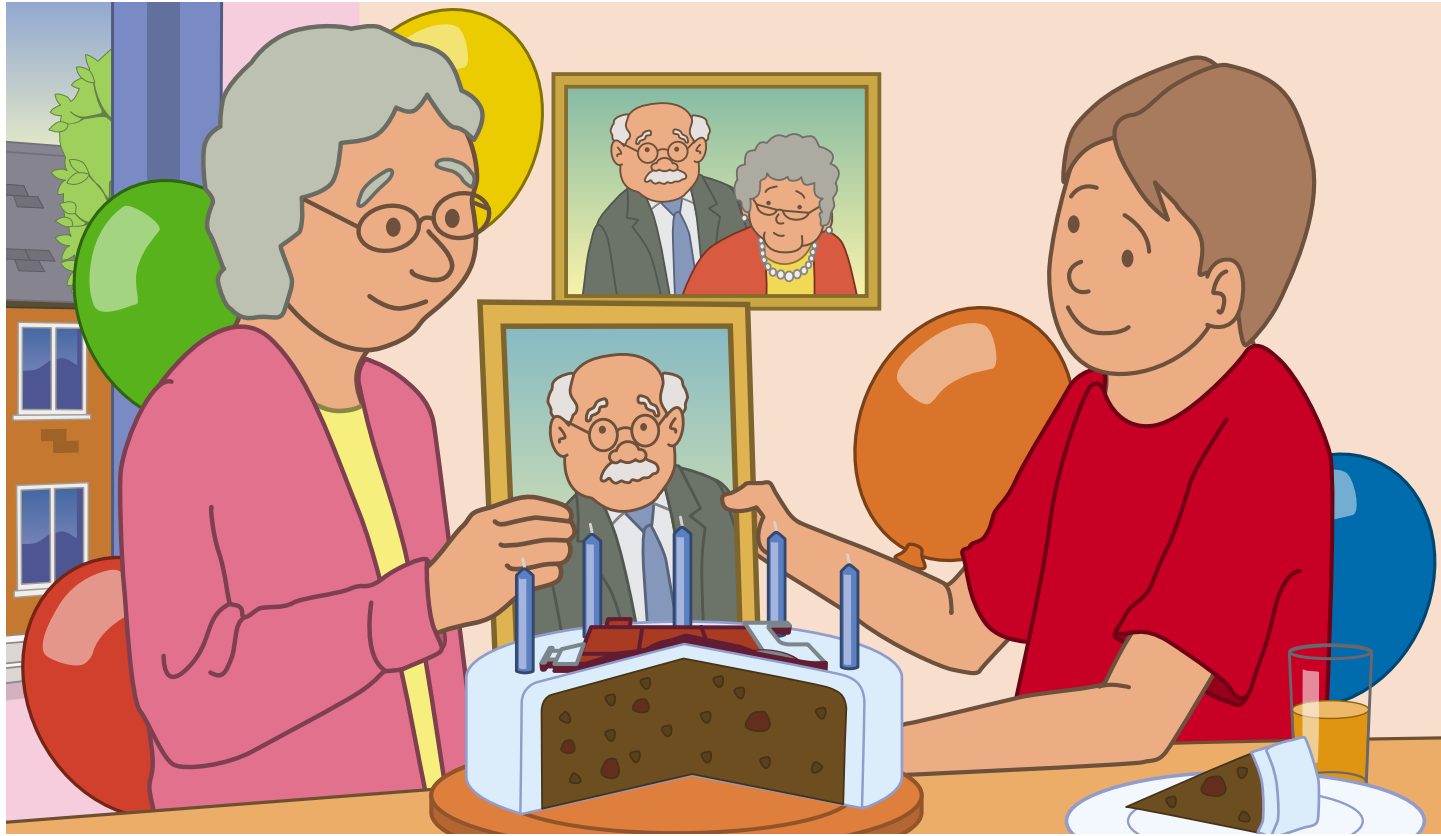
Today Aled and Siân are celebrating Aled's birthday party.



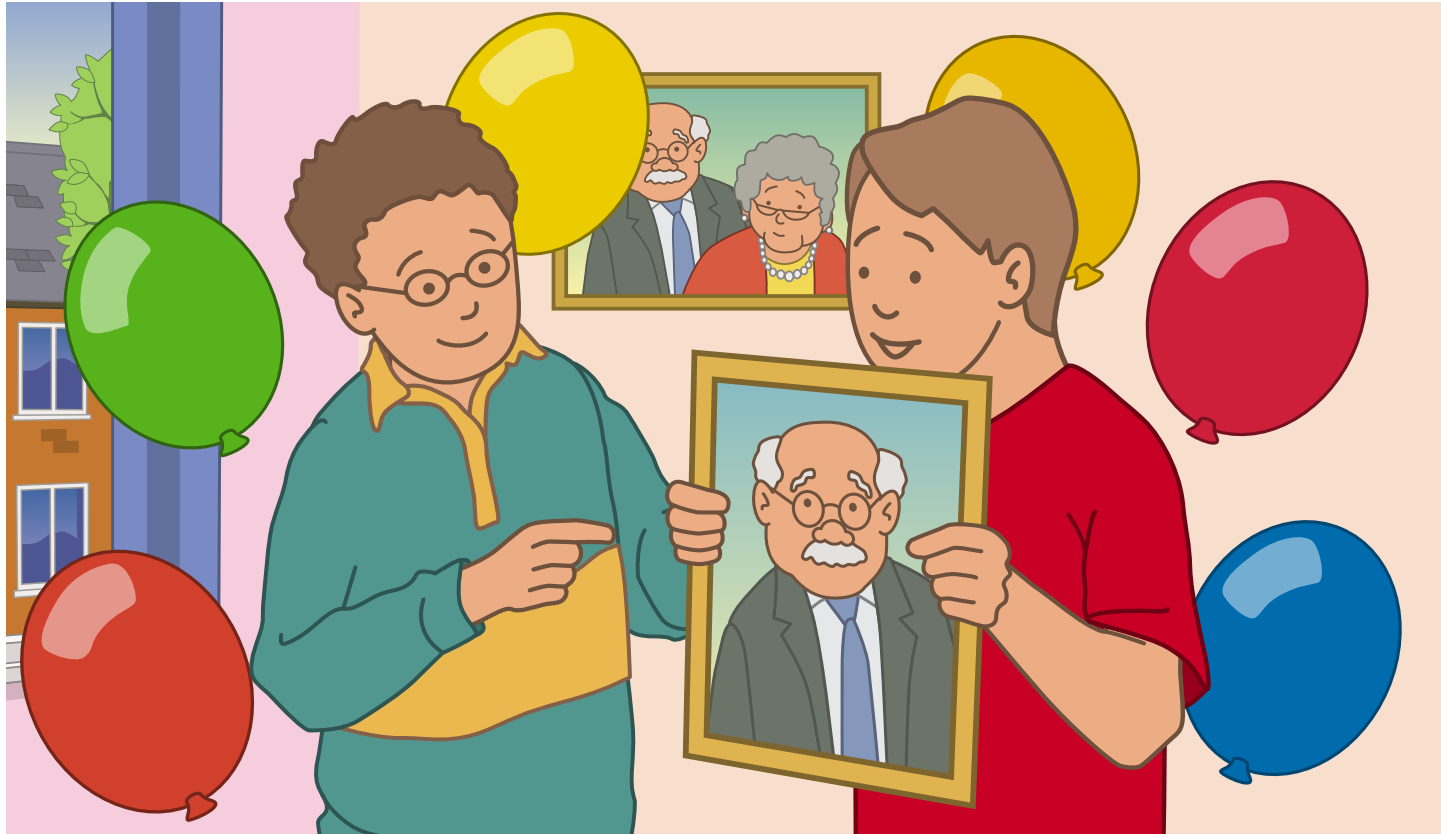
Family and friends bring cards and presents.



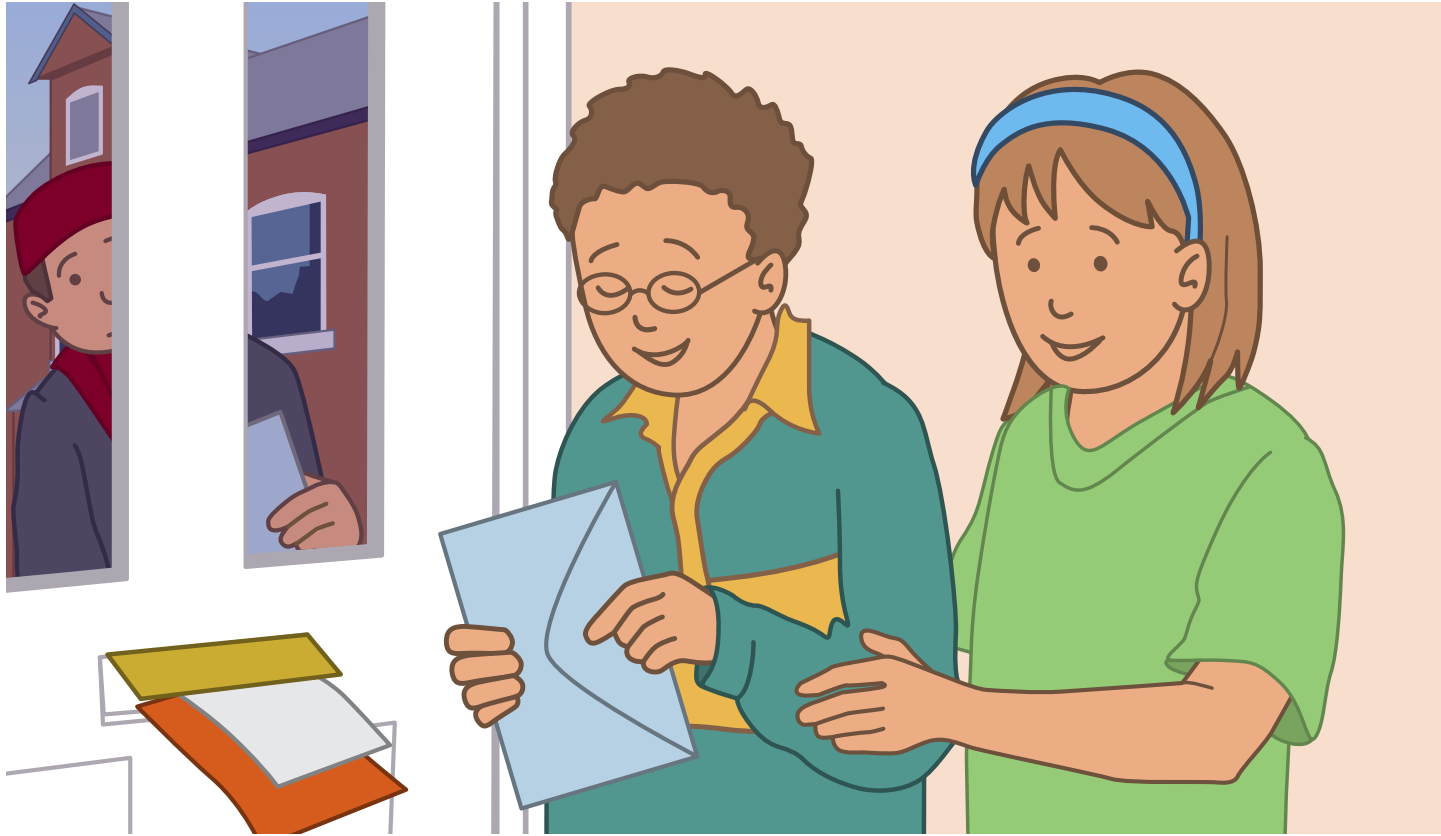
Aled blows out the candles on his cake.



Aunty Bethan tells how Aled was given his name.



Aled wants to know how his friends got their names too.



Today Peter and Mary are going to Peter's birthday party.



Family and friends from the church bring cards and presents.



Aunty Sally tells how Peter was given his name.



The vicar poured water on Peter's head.



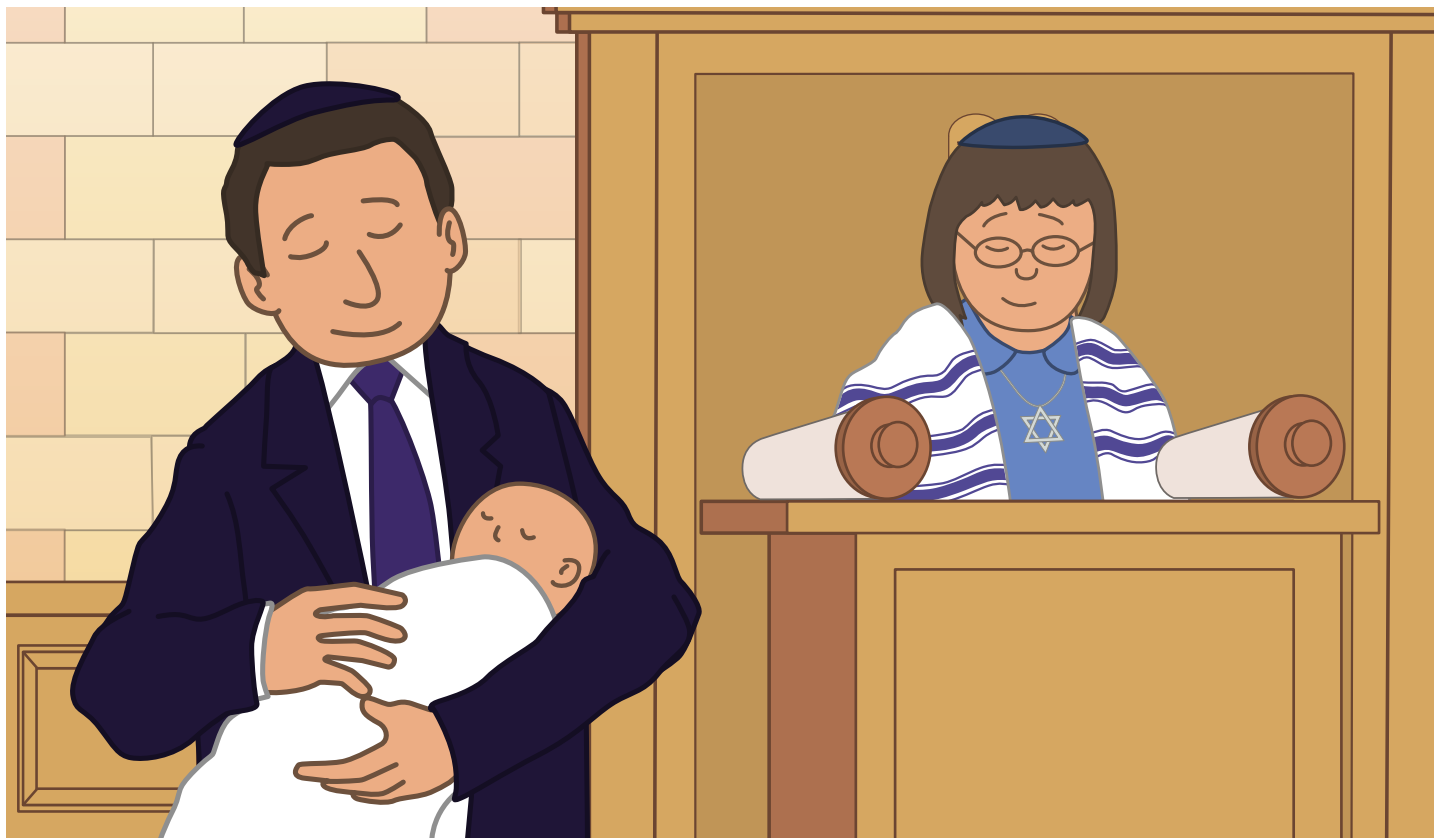
Today Nathan and Rachel are going to Rachel's birthday party.



Family and friends from the synagogue bring cards and presents.



Aunty Esther tells how Rachel was given her name.



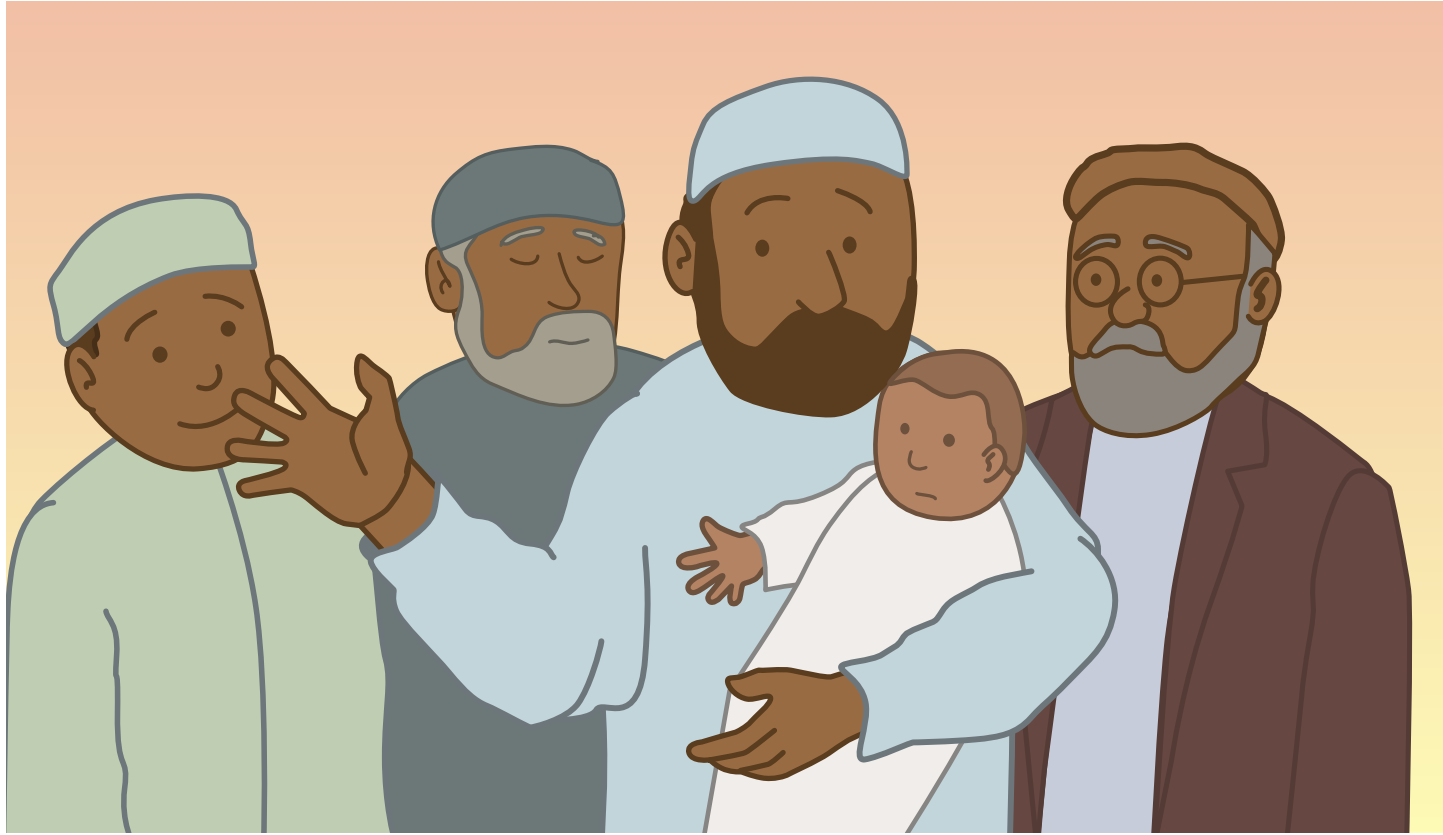
The rabbi read from the Torah.



Today Ahmed and Salma are going to Salma's birthday party.



Family and friends from the mosque bring cards and presents.



Aunty Fatima tells how Salma was given her name.



Her father shaved Salma's head.



Today Rajeev and Meena are going to Rajeev's birthday party.



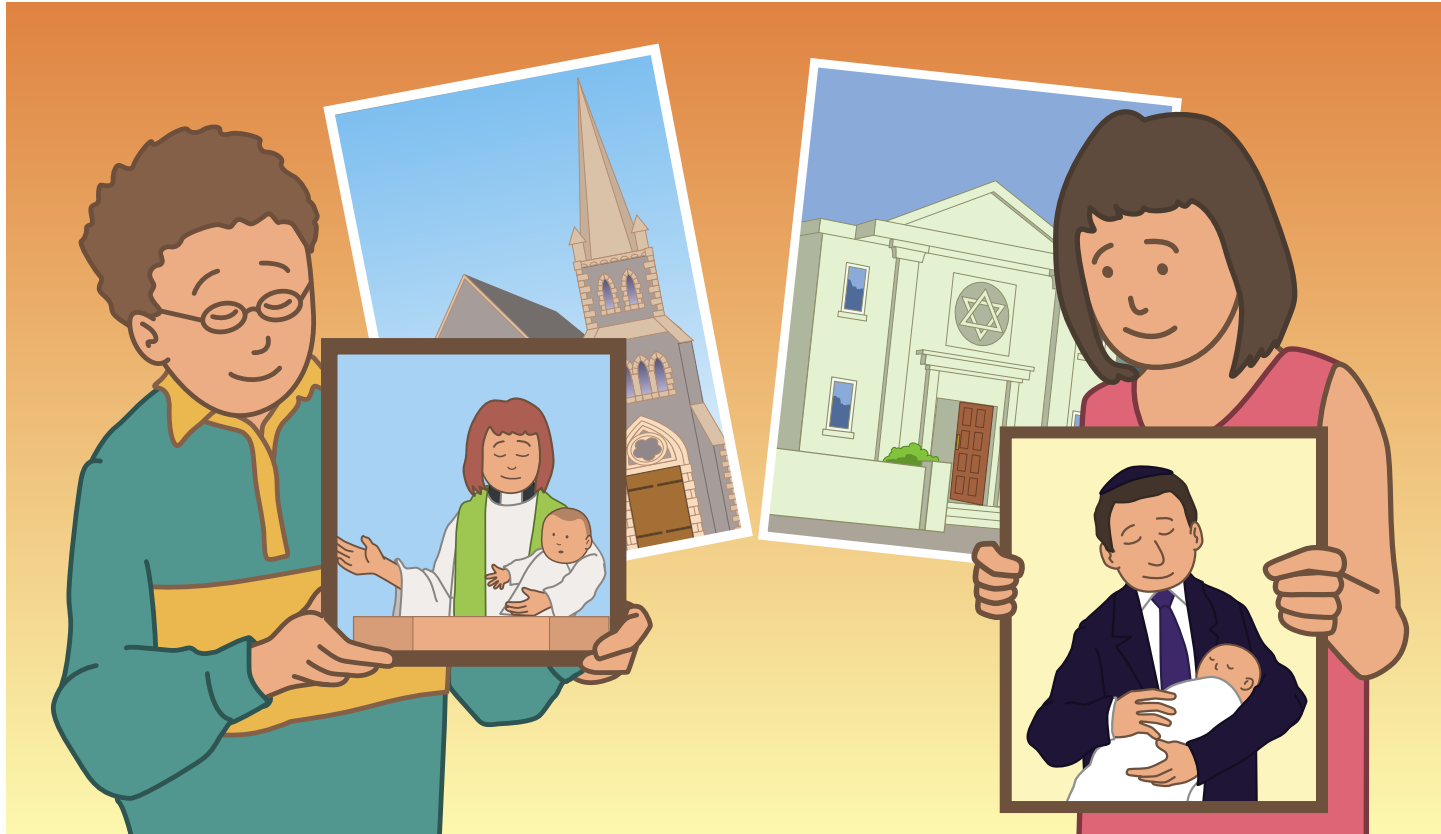
Family and friends from the temple bring cards and presents.



Aunty Sita tells how Rajeev was given his name.



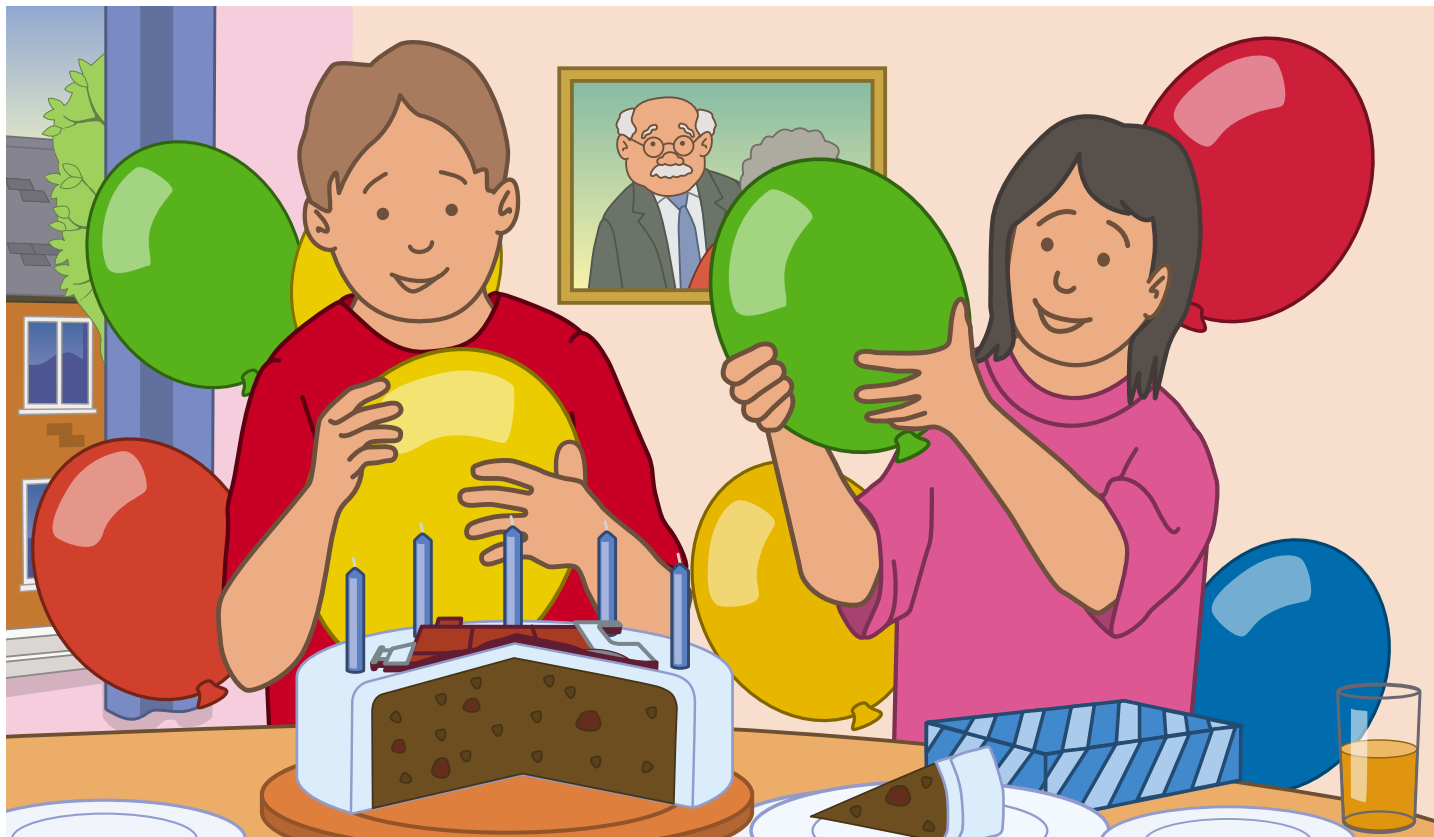
The priest sprinkled water on Rajeev.



Aled is excited to learn how his friends got their names.



There are so many special celebrations.



Aled and Siân want to know how you got your name too.

Today Aled and Siân are celebrating Aled's birthday. Aled learns about how he got his name. Aled and Siân's friends share stories about their names. They are excited to hear about Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim celebrations.

