



Why is Baptism Special?

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Year 1
Summer Term

Overview

In this unit pupils will encounter the concept of God through the promises and symbols of Baptism. Christians believe that the washing away of sins and beginning a new life in Christ is only possible because of Jesus' death and resurrection and this is symbolised by the use of water. Pupils will develop their understanding of what it means to belong through exploring the celebration of Baptism and the ways in which people of faith welcome babies.



Questions I wonder about
Baptism:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **Investigate** objects relating to babies and baptism
- **Reflect** on the story of Jesus' baptism
- **Empathise** with families who bring their children for baptism or similar celebrations

Topic Vocabulary

baptism: *a rite of passage in the Christian church using water to represent cleansing; it is also known as Christening*

belong: *be part of or connected with*

font: *a piece of church furniture used for the baptism*

godparent: *a person who promises to help teach and guide someone in religious matters as part of a baptism ceremony*

priest: *a person who has the authority to lead or perform religious ceremonies*

Religious vocabulary

celebration: *the action of celebrating an important day or event*

church: *a building used for Christian worship*

God: *the creator and ruler of the World*

Jesus: *the Son of God*