

Why is Baptism Special?

Christian Concepts

GOD – Creation – Fall – People of God – Incarnation – Gospel – SALVATION – Kingdom of God

In this unit pupils will encounter the concept of God through the promises and symbols of baptism. Many Christians believe that the decision to be committed to Christ and be baptised brings salvation. The washing away of sins and beginning a new life in Christ is only possible because of Jesus death and resurrection.

The aim of this unit is to:

- deepen children's understanding of what it means to belong through exploring the celebration of baptism and the ways in which people of faith welcome babies.

Christian Values	Key Skills
Faith, Love	Investigate, Apply, Empathise
Key Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does it mean to 'belong'?• What is baptism? Why are some people baptised?• Why is baptism special?• What is a promise? Where is it kept? How is it kept?• What makes a person feel they are part of God's family?• How do people of faith welcome new babies?• How do people of faith welcome new members?	
Key Experiences	
The re-enactment of a baptism service.	
Hearing the Story of Jesus being baptised by John.	
Chattering about the objects in the chatterbox.	
Exploring the different ways in which people of world faiths celebrate birth and welcome new babies.	
Key Vocabulary	World Faith Link
Baptism, font, Christening, Vicar/Minister, Priest, Godparents, water and belonging.	How do people of world faiths welcome new babies?