

Baptism

Year 1
Autumn Term

In this unit the children will learn that Baptism is an invitation to belong to God's family. Christians believe that everyone is invited to share in the life and work of God through Baptism.

Background Information

Everyone is invited to share in the life and work of God through Baptism.

Through Baptism we become God's people. We become a new creation through the water and the Holy Spirit. We become the Body of Christ.

Key Knowledge

- To know about belonging to different groups.
- To understand the significance of the words: I baptise you in the name of the Father...
- To know the meanings behind the actions and symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Baptism is the beginning of life within the Church.
- To learn about the role of godparents



What we will be Learning

- Jesus loved children and welcomed them.
- Parents bring their children to Church for Baptism.
- To recognise the signs and symbols used in Baptism and what they mean.
- To explore the key aspects of the Church through a visit with Fr Andrew.
- To conduct our own Baptisms through role play.
- To know that Baptism is an invitation to belong to the Church family.

Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- How can I belong to God?
- What does it feel like to belong?
- How can we help others to feel they belong?

Key Vocabulary

Candle: symbolises that Jesus is the light of the world. We must shine like lights to others so that they recognise we are followers of Jesus

Water: symbolises cleansing and that Baptism is a new start in a life with Jesus.

Chrism: a special oil that was used to anoint important people like priests, prophets and kings. We are also very special when we are baptised.

White Garment: shows that we are clothed in Christ.

Godparents: they support us in our faith journey when we are baptised.

Jesus: the Son of God who was born to Mary and Joseph who were his human family on earth.



