

## KS1 Unit 5, Lesson 2: Infant Baptism

**Context:** Previously pupils will be introduced to the Christian practice of baptism, and see that some Christians baptise infants. They will go on to look at Believers Baptism.

**Overview:**

- Children will understand the importance of baptism to Christians.
- Children will be able to link the practise of baptism to the story of Jesus being baptised, and to Jesus' command to baptise new believers
- Children will know that some Christians choose to have their children baptised as babies and some Christians wait until they are able to decide for themselves and make their own promises.

**Essential core:**

- Recall what happens in both Infant Baptism and Believers Baptism. Water is used. The person baptizing usually says "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the son, and the Holy spirit." The person is welcomed into the Christian Church.
- Understand that baptism shows that a person is entering the Christian Church.

**Resources:**

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/09/08/baptism-and-confirmation>

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/04/08/infant-baptism-in-an-anglican-church>

Miracle Maker DVD

**Vocabulary**

Christian, vicar, priest, font, baptism, christening, godparents.

**INTRODUCTION:**

**Persona doll.** Introduce the children to Peter. He is a Christian and goes to an Anglican church. Today he has brought in a baptism card that he is going to give. His baby cousin Josh is going to be baptised in his church next Sunday morning. Discuss the fact that infant baptism is a sign that the child is welcomed into God's family and that their family promise to bring them up in the Christian faith. But where did it all start?

Look at this interactive introduction to baptism on

RE:quest. <http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/09/08/baptism-and-confirmation>

An alternative might be to watch Jesus being baptised from the Miracle Maker DVD.

Jesus was baptised and Christians are baptised to follow his example. What does it mean to "follow someone's example? Is there anyone you would like to be like? Why?

**DISCUSSION:**

Watch this short video of a baby being baptised in an Anglican church.

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/04/08/infant-baptism-in-an-anglican-church/>

What is happening? What does the vicar say? What promises are made?

Baptism is a sign that someone has joined/ entered/ become part of the worldwide Christian family, the Church. Have you ever joined something? What do you have to do? Did you make any promises?

**PLENARY:**

Reflection. Christians want to be like Jesus. Who do you admire and want to be like? What does it mean to be part of the Christian family, the Church? Why is it good to be a part of any family?