

KS1 Unit 5, Lesson 3: Believers Baptism

Context: Previously pupils will have explored the practise of Infant Baptism. They will know that through baptism, a person is welcomed into the Christian church. Now they are introduced to Believers Baptism.

Overview:

- Children will understand the importance of baptism to Christians.
- Children will know that some Christians choose to have their children baptised as babies and some Christians wait until they are able to make their own profession of faith.
- 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

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. (AMV units 4,5,9)
- Understand that baptism shows that a person is entering the Christian Church.

Resources:

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/04/08/believers-baptism>

Vocabulary

Believers baptism, Baptist.

INTRODUCTION:

This week Peter has brought in a Baptism card for an adult. He is going to see his cousin Lydia be baptised in the Baptist Church where her family go. He knows that baptisms in Lydia's church are a bit different from what usually happens in his own church. They call it "believer's baptism." Can we help him by finding out what is going to happen?

Watch this 3-minute video of Becky being baptised

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DISCUSSION:

Why do they not baptise babies in this church? They only baptise people who have decided for themselves that they want to live as Christians. Why do they go right under the water?

At first all Christians were baptised like this - Jesus was baptised like this.

Today many different churches baptise people like this.

PLENARY:

Reflection: You could play some quiet music or light a candle for children to look at.

Christians think of baptism as a sign of starting again, of having new life in God. Ask children to think about whether there is there anything they would like a new start with? What could they do as a sign of a new start? Invite them to think quietly about their new start, or to say a prayer if they want to.