

KS1 Unit 2, Lesson 2 – Why are some times special? Infant Baptism

Context:

This lesson shows how some Christians welcome children into the Christian church family.

Overview: These lessons introduce Infant Baptism as generally practiced in the Church of England and then go on to look at Infant Dedication and Believer's Baptism as practiced by other Christian denominations.

Essential core: Recall what happens in both Infant Baptism and Believers' Baptism. Water is used. The person baptising usually says "I baptise 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 (joining) the Christian Church.

Know that "church" means the Christian community – not the building. The word "church" is often used to mean church building but it really means the Christian community.

Resources:

request.org.uk/teachers/Christianity-unpacked-baptism-dedication-and confirmation click on infant baptism photo

request.org.uk/restart/2015/06/04learn-about-infant-baptism

INTRODUCTION:

Many children born into a Christian family are christened as babies.

Discuss who has been christened. (Pupils have been asked to bring items from their christenings to show into school).

BUILD UP:

Watch request.org.uk/teachers/Christianity-unpacked-baptism-dedication-and confirmation click on infant baptism photo

This is a film of an infant baptism. Can anyone remember the sign the Vicar made on the baby's head? He made the sign of the cross and said I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Talk about the symbolism of water, baptismal prayers, symbolism of light **and the concept of baptism as a welcoming into the worldwide Christian family of the Church**. Remind children that although Christians meet in buildings, the church is the group of people.

TASK:

Pupils draw 4 pictures of items used in a christening eg christening robe, candle, font, water

Talk about how this shows that the child is being welcomed as a new member of the worldwide Christian family, the church.

PLENARY:

Chn show some of their work under AVer viewer.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

Can the chn identify special objects used to celebrate christenings?