

KS2 Unit 1, Lesson 5 - where do I belong?

Context: In this lesson, we are asking pupils to explore the concept of belonging and community. In what ways is this a two-way relationship, with rights and responsibilities? You may wish to divide this into two lessons.

Essential core: -

Jesus told his followers, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13.35. Give examples of the ways that the Christian Church shows the love of God both to its members and across society.

Resources: <http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/04/08/believers-baptism/>
Team strip (any sport) <http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/06/26/methodist-church/>

Vocabulary: Baptism, Church.

INTRODUCTION

You may wish to introduce this lesson, as the last one, by inviting pupils to bring in something that shows something that they belong to (school, cubs, guides, sports team, club, church ...) Each pupil can talk about what they belong to, and what the badge, uniform, object etc says about what it is.

Did they have to do anything special to join? (eg practice, make promises, agree to do certain things)

Belonging

Using a team strip from any sport, talk about belonging to a team. What are the benefits (rights) of belonging? What do they have to do as a member (responsibilities)? Why?

How does it feel to work together and be part of that team - whether you win or lose?

Belonging to a faith community

Many people belong to a Christian Church (or other faith community).

What did they do to become a member? Did they make promises? Was there something that they said they had done or believed?

Watch this video of someone being baptised as a sign that they were joining the Christian Church.
<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/04/08/believers-baptism/>

What are some of the good things about belonging to a Christian Church? Watch this short video.
<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/06/26/methodist-church/>

If you want to explain more about what Baptism is, you may find some of this short video helpful.
<http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/09/08/baptism-and-confirmation/>

Plenary:

What things do we belong to? What are the rights and responsibilities of belonging?