

Christian Ceremonies Baptism/ Christening

Starter Activity

What special Christian ceremony are we going to be learning about?
Look at the photographs for clues.



Learning Objective

To learn about what a Baptism/Christening is, what happens during this special ceremony and why it is important to Christians.

Success Criteria

- I can explain who can be baptised.
- I can describe what happens during a baptism service in church.
- I can name special objects needed for a baptism.
- I can explain why it is an important ceremony for Christians.



What is a Baptism?

This is a special service in church when the family and priest thank God for a new baby. The minister welcomes the baby into God's family.

A person of any age can be baptised.

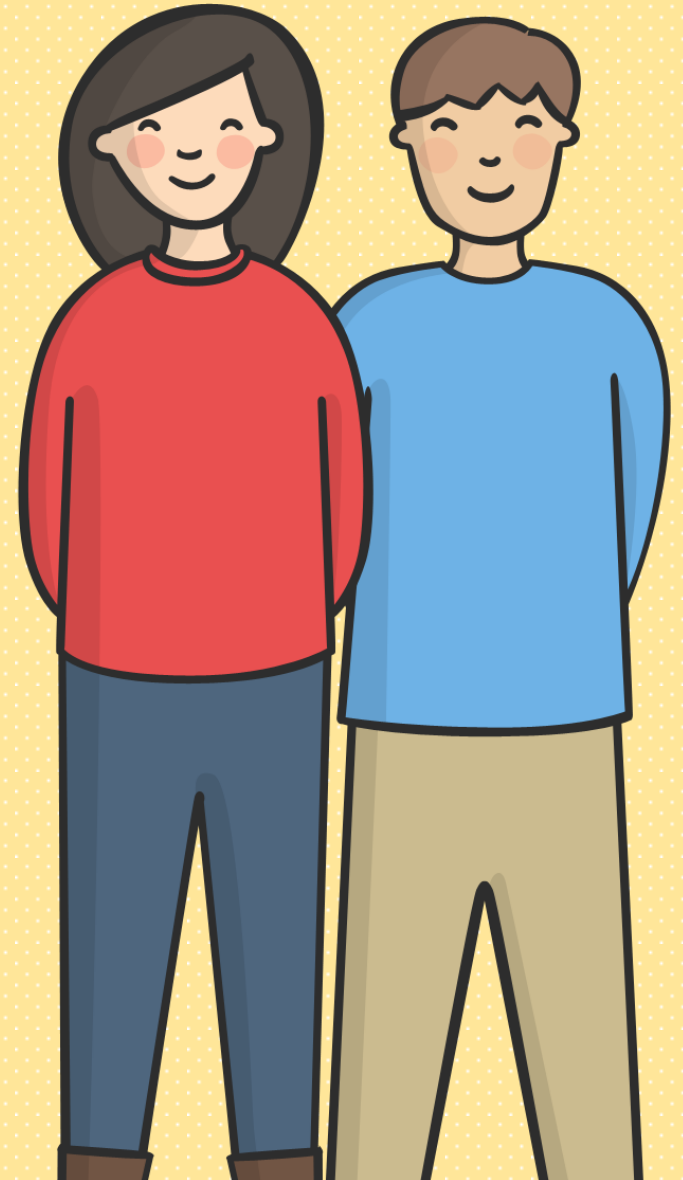


Special People

God parents are an important part of the baptism service.

Before the baptism, the parents of the baby choose godparents to help them to look after their child.

Along with the parents of the baby at the baptism, the godparents say they believe in God then make special promises to look after the child and help him or her to grow up to be a good Christian person.



Special Objects

The baby will wear a special outfit because a baptism is a very special occasion in their life.

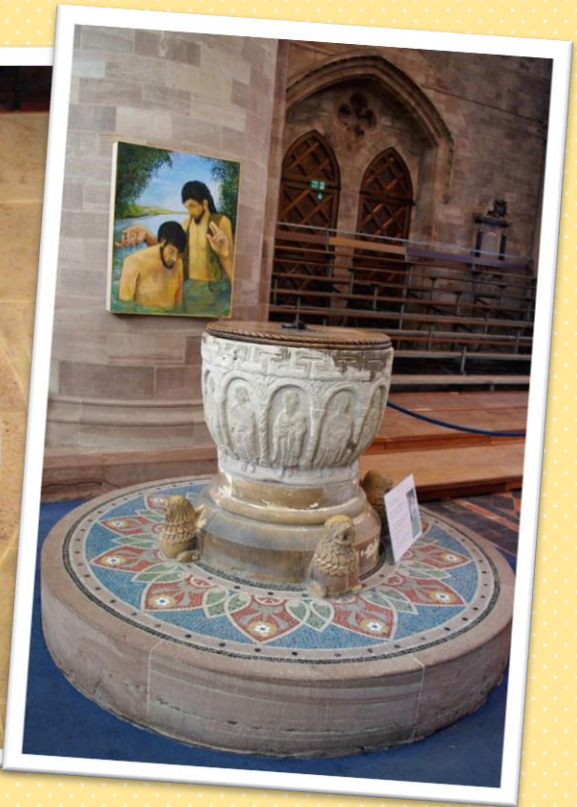


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Special Objects

The minister pours water into the font then blesses it. The baby has some of this special water poured over their head to show that the baby is clean, pure and a new member of God's family.

The minister says important words as the water is poured over the baby's head. 'I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen'



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Special Objects

Once the baby has been baptised, the parents will be given a certificate to show this has happened and a candle which the baby can keep to always remind them that they are a part of God's family.

Match Up Activity

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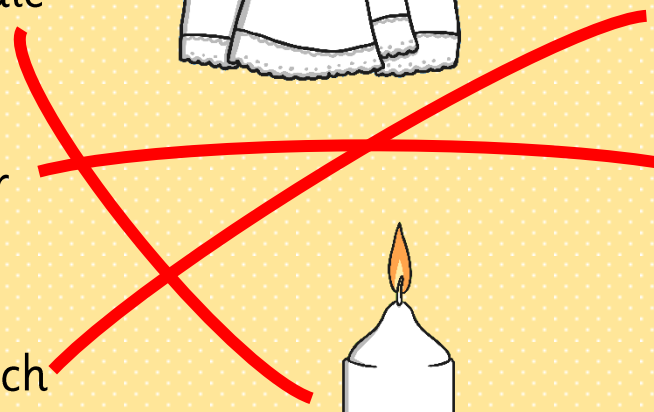
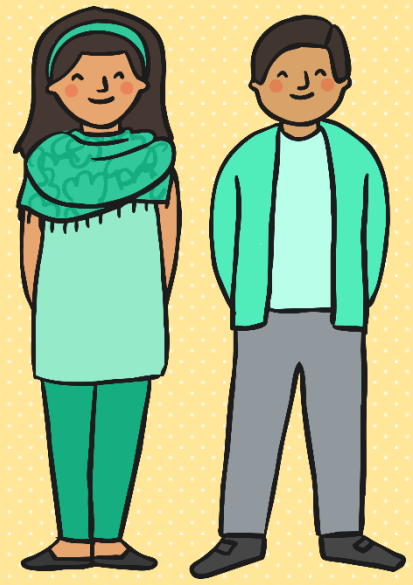
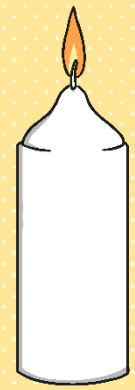
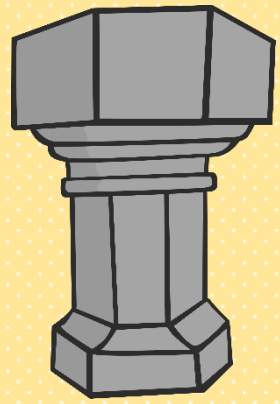
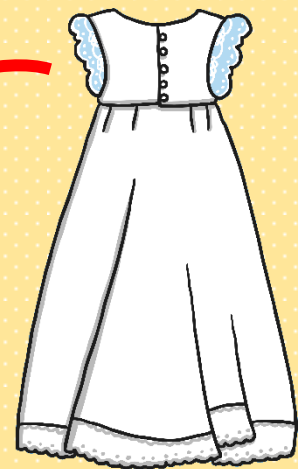
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Plenary

Once you are baptised you become a Christian.

Look at the words below, what do they mean and what do you notice?



Christianity

Christening

Christian