

Is everybody special?

Year 1

Autumn Term 1

Key Questions

Who do I believe I am?

How do we know we are special?

Does it feel special to belong?

Does being baptised make you special?

Are there other ways to show that people are special?

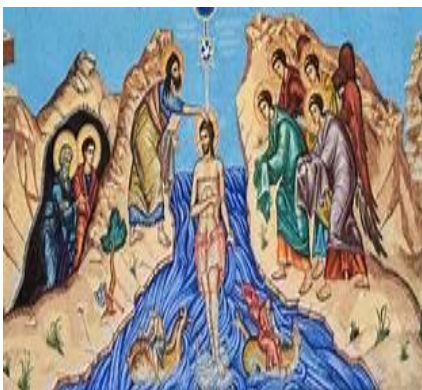
Does belonging to different groups make you special or make you all the same?

Does what you believe about yourself change the way you treat other people?

What is the best way of showing that someone is special?

In this unit the children will learn:

- They will recognise the sacrament of baptism as a ceremony of belonging.
- They will be able to describe the key events of the ceremony.
- They will know the basic meaning of the baptism symbols.



Key content:

- Baptism is recognised by most branches of the Christian Church as one of the sacraments and signs of belonging.
- In baptism children or adults are welcomed into the church.
- Baptism can be by immersion in water (e.g. Baptist church) or by sprinkling (e.g. Anglican church).
- There are several symbols connected with baptism.
- The water represents cleansing from sin or wrong doing, and the immersion in it mirrors the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- The candle given at the end of the service represents the passing from darkness (the world) to light (the Kingdom of God)



- Jesus is often known as the Light of the World.
- The stories of the Lost Coin and the Lost Sheep are parables – stories with a meaning – told by Jesus.
- There are many levels on which these parables can be understood, but they both show God's care for the individual in that anything (anyone) lost is worth saving. Each one has value.
- The Golden Rule is all about treating others as you wish to be treated and is found in most of the world's major faiths.

Key Vocabulary

- **Baptism:** a Christian ceremony in which water is poured over someone's head or the person is briefly covered completely by water, and is named as a Christian
- **Blessing:** a short prayer of thanksgiving
- **Church:** a place where Christians worship
- **Bible:** the Christian scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments
- **Godparent:** a person who presents a child at baptism and promises to take responsibility for their religious

