

What should I already know?

- Know that some Christians welcome babies into the God's family (the Church) with baptism ceremonies
- Talk about what it might mean to belong to the Church family
- Identify features of baptism – eg. the font, candles, godparents
- Talk about why parents might want to have their child baptised
- Talk about what it means to belong to a family
- Talk about the role of families in raising children
- Talk about their own identity as part of a family and part of the school community

Year 2- Spring Term 2- Christianity (Church) (Religious Education)

What unites the Christian community?

Skills

- In this unit, children should explore the core beliefs and symbols of Christianity.
- They should know that belief in one God and Jesus Christ unite the Christian community and that the cross is an important Christian symbol.
- This should build on their previous learning about symbolism contained in the idea of Jesus as 'the light of the world'.
- They should learn about the importance of the church as a place to bring together the community for worship and Christian fellowship. Children should be able to talk about key aspects of worship such as prayer, use of music and readings from the Bible.
- Children should also have opportunities to consider why people might want to be part of a community and the shared values and interests that bring people together.
- They should be able to talk about communities that they belong to and what unites them with others.

Vocabulary

- Symbol
- Christian
- Fellowship
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- Belief
- Fellowship
- Community

Knowledge

- Suggest beliefs and values that might unite the Christian community
- Talk about why some Christians might think it is important to come together to worship God
- Identify symbols (images and actions) used in Christian worship
- Talk about how and why symbols might be used in Christianity
- Identify and describe features of a church
- Identify signs and symbols in the world around them
- Talk about the school logo – what values it might represent and how it might unite the school community ask thoughtful questions about signs and symbols
- Talk about communities that they belong to – and how they show their commitment to these communities