

Monday 8th February

LO: Baptism

Think about any groups you have belonged/still belong to.

Did you make a promise ? (Scouts, Brownies)

Does belonging to a group bring with it rights and responsibilities (teamwork, thinking of others)

Watch the video

Watch the film clips which explain why people go through baptism in order to publicly show they belong to the Christian family of God.

<http://request.org.uk/life/rites-of-passage/baptism>

<http://request.org.uk/life/rites-of-passage/believers-baptism>

Symbolism

Going down under the water symbolises - burying old life, showing sin has been forgiven (Romans 6 v4)

Why is the believer's baptism carried out in this way?

What is the symbolism for coming up out of the water?

Why do you think these churches do not baptise very young children?

Watch the video

Infant Baptism

<http://request.org.uk/life/rites-of-passage/infant-baptism>

What does the water symbolise? (1 Peter 3 v21)

What role do the godparents have? What promises do the family members involved make?

In these churches the very young children will have the opportunity to make their promises to follow Jesus for themselves, when they are older, in Confirmation.

Watch the video

Confirmation

<http://request.org.uk/life/rites-of-passage/confirmation-video>

Task

Complete the table about infant and believer's baptism.

Infant baptism	Believer's baptism

Focus on:

- the difference between the two
- the symbolism involved

Reflection

- Why are Christians baptised?
- Why is being a part of the Christian church so important to a believer?
- What promises are made?
- What is a Christian?
- Do you agree/disagree that the symbolic act of baptism helps to reinforce the message that the old life has been 'buried' and a new life begun?