

Topic: RE: Learning about Religion	Year group	Term Spring
Belonging - Christianity	Year 1	6 sessions

### Background knowledge

Children relate their own understanding of belonging to what believers from different religions understand about belonging. They look at how Christians in particular express their sense of belonging, community and identify and at how a church welcomes children into its family. They will also visit a local church to look at features inside.

**Key idea:** That religious people belong to faith communities and express their sense of common identity in particular ways.

### What should I already know?

- Experience of being welcomed into the school and inducted into its routines, practices and expectations.
- Talk about past events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.
- There are similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions

R.E. Agreed Syllabus / Key Skills	The Journey
<p>To talk about different groups I belong to and explain how it feels.</p> <p>To name and explore a range of celebrations, worship and rituals in religion, noting similarities where appropriate.</p> <p>To identify and suggest meanings for religious symbols and begin to use a range of religious words.</p> <p><b>ELG - People and Communities</b> Shows interest in the lives of people who are familiar to them (30-50) Recognises and describes special time or events for family/friends (30-50) Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines (40-60)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I can describe different groups I belong to and how belonging is expressed.</li> <li>2. I know baptism is a symbol of belonging to the Christian family.</li> <li>3. I can suggest meanings for religious symbols.</li> <li>4. I can visit a local church</li> <li>5. I can recognise features and symbols inside a church and explain how they are used.</li> <li>6. To prepare for Harvest celebration in church.</li> </ol>

<p>They know about similarities and differences among families, communities and traditions (ELG)</p> <p>They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others (ELG)</p> <p>I can talk about groups I belong to and how it makes me feel.</p> <p>I can talk about a belonging ceremony. (Christian)</p> <p>I can recognise religious art, symbols and words and talk about them.</p> <p>I can recognise features and symbols in a church and talk about their use and meaning.</p> <p>I can talk about religious celebrations.</p> <p>I know why we have a Harvest festival.</p>	
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Outcomes
<p>An overview of what children will know / can do</p> <p><b>Working towards:</b> I can understand the concept of belonging from my own experience. I can retell the main features of a baptism, explaining some of the reasons why this is done and with support, explain what it means. I can start to explain how Christians worship.</p> <p><b>Expected:</b> I can reflect on my own sense and understanding of belonging. I can talk about what belonging means to Christians. I can retell what happens at a service of infant baptism. I can give a simple explanation of some of the symbolism associated with baptism. I can explain how Christians express their sense of community and identity through worship and describe some of the key elements of Christian worship.</p> <p><b>Exceeding:</b> I can make connections between my own experience of belonging and Christian beliefs about belonging, community and identity. I can confidently retell what happens at a baptism. I can explain the ritual and symbolism within baptism and why baptism is important. I can explain why worship is important for Christians and explain the key elements of worship.</p>

Key Vocabulary	Timeline / Diagrams

Religion - the belief in or worship of God or God, e.g. Christianity

Jesus - Christians believe he is the son of God.

Christianity - one of the 6 major world religions. The belief in God and Jesus being God's son

Feelings - how you feel towards others e.g. hope, love, joy, peace, forgiveness, anger, hatred, jealousy

Belonging - fitting in, feeling like you are an important member in a group

Commitment - a promise to do something.

Dedication - A Dedication is a Christian ceremony that dedicates the infant to God and welcomes the baby into the church.

During this ceremony, the parents also dedicate themselves to raising the child as a Christian.

Baptism - is a ceremony performed by most Christian churches. It is done as a cleansing symbol; showing that the person being baptised has become a follower of Jesus.

Christening - A christening is a Christian blessing which usually involves baptism.

Cross - a symbol of Christianity.

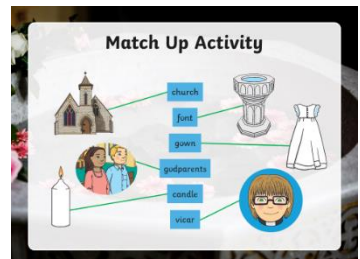
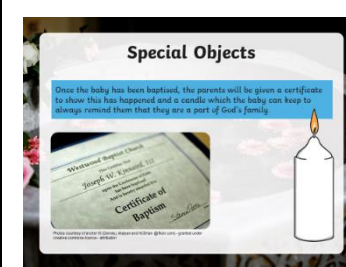
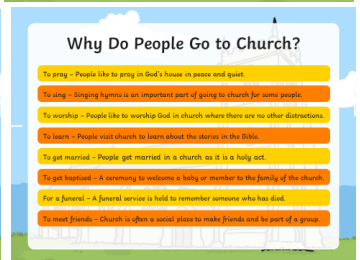
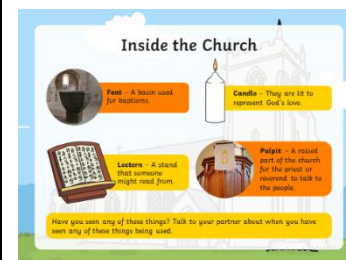
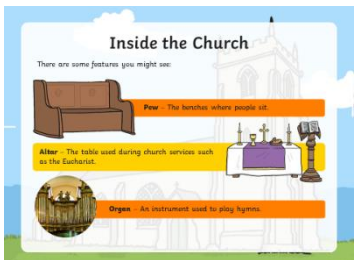
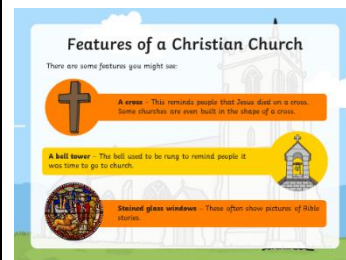
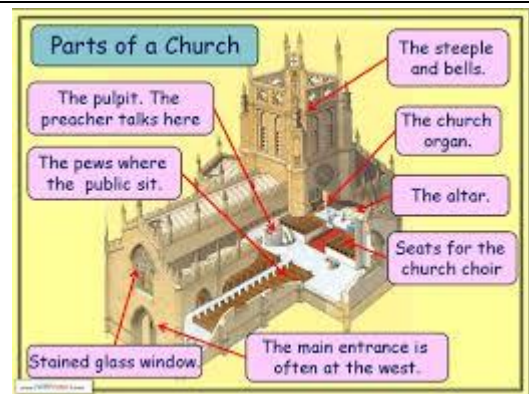
Christian Worship - involves praising God in music, speech, readings from scripture,

prayers of various sorts, a sermon and various holy ceremonies.

Prayer - Words spoken to God, a strong hope or wish.

Hymn - a song or poem of praise.

Bible readings - the main sacred writings of Christianity.



### Important people or places

Christians sometimes wear a cross to show that they are Christians. The cross is a Christian symbol. Some Christians wear the cross like a badge to show that they belong to a group or family called Christians. The cross is a reminder of how much God loves them.

Baptism has been a symbolic way of joining the Church from the very start of Christianity. Water is used in baptism, and is a symbol of washing away sin and the start of a new life. Many denominations baptise infants. Although ceremonies are similar, there are some important differences between them.

John the Baptist was baptizing in water and so when Jesus was baptized, water was used. ... The water also is symbolic of our dirty sinful self being washed away by Jesus' death and resurrection. This is why baptism must be by full immersion.

According to the Bible, water baptism is a symbolic act whereby a new Christian identifies with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Water baptism is a public profession of a person's repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and a way of giving outward testimony to an inward work of God.

Christian church

### Assessment questions / outcomes

- What does it mean to belong?
- Which group do you belong to and how does it make you feel?
- Can you describe what takes place during a baptism?
- Explain the meaning of the symbols and how they are used in religious ceremonies.
- Can you describe the features inside a church?
- Why do we celebrate Harvest?