

What does it mean to belong?



Baptismal Font



White Garment



Easter Candle



The Priest anointing the baby with the Oil of
Chrism.



Parents and Godparents

Prior Knowledge That Baptism is an invitation to belong to God’s family	Key Vocabulary		I need to know: How symbols have power to convey meaning. Why some symbols are important.
Links to other topics: Science – Humans and other animals PSHE – Me and My relationships, Valuing Difference.	Sign of the Cross	The way we cross our bodies when we say, “In the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit”.	How Christians maintain the light of Christ in their lives.
	sacrament	a celebration of God’s presence at a special time in our life.	
	Baptism	the sacrament of welcome. When you are blessed with the Holy Spirit and have holy water poured over you.	
	font	a container that holds holy water. The place where you are baptised.	
Guided Reading / English	sign	a way of showing something.	
	symbol	a thing that represents or stands for something else	
	garment	At Baptism, the church wraps new members in a white garment as a sign of acceptance and belonging in the community of faith. White is a symbol of purity and cleanliness. The white baptismal garment shows that the newly baptised is now a Christian and with the help of family and friends will grow up to be like Jesus	
	Easter candle	This represents the risen Christ, as a symbol of light (life) dispelling darkness (death)	
	chrism	The Oil of Chrism is a sign of fullness of grace and spiritual strength; it declares and enables us to live out the call to follow Jesus the Christ (the anointed one) as baptized/confirmed/ordained Christians	
At the end of the topic, I will know:			
• The rite of Baptism. • The signs and symbols used in Baptism; Easter candle, light, font, water, anointing with chrism, white garment. • The reading of the Word of God. • Recognition that Christians as members of the Church family act in a particular way because they are following the light of Christ. • Something of the role of parents and God-parents.			