

## Grange Park Primary School Year 2 Spring 1 Religious Education

### Christianity: How do children learn about belonging to the Christian family?

#### Why is baptism important?

It is a symbol of a new life with God.

Baptism is a way to show everyone that you are a Christian and follow Jesus.

It is a way to have a fresh start free from sin. Christians believe God forgives them and they start life again.

Some Christians believe each person should decide when they get baptised. This is called a believers baptism.

Other Christians, called Catholics, are baptised as a baby.



#### How is Jesus a role model to Christians?

Jesus is believed to be the perfect example of a person.

It is believed that he helped everyone, even the poor or sick.

In the Bible, Jesus always made the most loving and caring choice as a teacher and leader.

Jesus also forgave the sins (bad choices) of others. He also helped his disciples to forgive and love everyone too.

#### Artefacts and symbols

<b>Crucifix</b>	A cross which some Christians wear to show they believe in God.
<b>White clothing</b>	This is worn during Catholic baptism and represents a clean and fresh start.
<b>Oil</b>	Represents the person and Holy Spirit coming together as one.
<b>Baptism font</b>	Symbolises streams, rivers and pools of water used to baptise people in the past.
<b>Dove</b>	Represents peace between God and the person.



#### Jesus' baptism

The story of Jesus' baptism is told in the New Testament in the Bible. Christians believe this to be true.

John the Baptist believed in God and baptised many people to make them Christians. One day, he baptised Jesus.

As Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit came down from Heaven as a dove. A voice from Heaven said, "This is my Holy Son who brings great joy to all".

Once he was baptised, he was led to the desert to be tested.

Lots of people believed he was the Son of God who had come to Earth to save everyone from sin.

#### Key Vocabulary

<b>Bible</b>	The Christian Holy Book.
<b>cross</b>	The main symbol of Christianity.
<b>baptism</b>	A special ceremony that shows Christian's commitment to God.
<b>holy water</b>	Special water used in baptism.
<b>Holy Spirit</b>	Christian's belief that God is with us on Earth.
<b>God the Father</b>	A name for God meaning he is the creator of all things.
<b>Catholic</b>	A group of Christians who believe in God and think the Pope is the leader.
<b>Baptist</b>	A group of Christians who believe they should be baptised to show their faith.
<b>disciples</b>	People who follow Jesus' teachings.

