

Year 3 'Promises' - LF5 - The Litany of Saints

Teacher notes

Objective

To understand the life of Bernadette and her role in the importance of Lourdes.

Resources

Fact Sheet on "The Story of St Bernadette and Lourdes" and the Fact File Activity Sheets.

Key vocabulary

Lourdes, Grotto, Saint, miracle, Our Lady, healing.

Key questions

- Where did Bernadette's family live? What was their life like?
- Can you explain what happened to Bernadette when she visited the Grotto for the first time?
- What did the Lady ask Bernadette to do?
- If you visited Lourdes now, what would you see at the Grotto?
- Are you or is anyone on your family named after a saint? Tell us more...
- Does your school have a patron saint? If so, what do you know about them?
- What do you think makes someone a saint?
- Why do you think Our Lady chose Bernadette to speak to?
- Imagine you were Bernadette, and try to explain how you felt when you saw the Lady standing in the Grotto. Describe what you saw, and how you felt-were you frightened? Happy?

Tasks

1. Begin by having the children read and discuss the Resource Sheet about Saint Bernadette and Lourdes.
2. Write the key facts contributed by the children on the board.
3. Hand out the Activity Sheets (Activity Sheet 1 is focussed on St Bernadette, Activity Sheet 2 looks at Saints more generally – either or both can be used) and assist children in completing the questions.
4. End lesson with children sharing key facts that they have learnt especially, facts that are new knowledge.

Success Criteria

I understand the life of St Bernadette and her importance in Lourdes of becoming a sacred place of pilgrimage.