

Y2 Signs and Symbols LF3 Uses of water

Teacher notes – lesson 2

Objective

I know how water is used at Baptism, and that when I bless myself with Holy Water, it is a reminder of my baptism.

Resources

'Uses of water in Lourdes' PowerPoint

Key vocabulary

Baptism, scripture, Grotto, miracle

Tasks

Begin by reviewing the work already carried out on uses of water with the children. Remind them of the problems which would arise if they did not have clean water, to highlight the importance of water in our lives.

Move on to discuss the part that water plays in the Catholic faith. Ask the pupils to think of any stories from the Bible which include water. For example, The Parting of the Red Sea, Jesus' Baptism, Noah, Jonah, Jesus calling Simon Peter-etc.

Ask the children when water is used in the Church. Can they recall baptism or blessing themselves when entering the Church? Ask if they can think of a link between the two events. Explain that when we are baptised, the priest pours Holy Water on the baby three times, and says –'I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.' The baby now becomes a member of the Church, and a Christian. Tell the children that blessing ourselves with Holy Water when we go into a church reminds us that we were baptised into the Catholic faith.

Activity

Explain that we use water in many other ways in the Church-can they name any? Show children powerpoint on uses of water in Lourdes. Discuss the fact that people go to Lourdes to wash in the baths. Explain that the waters at Lourdes have helped some sick people to get better, and that now many people visit Lourdes every year.

Read children the story of Noah and the Ark, and then teach them the song –'Rise and Shine', with actions.

Success criteria

I understand how water is used by the Church in Baptism, and in other ways.