

Year 6 Lourdes - a place of healing

Teacher notes

Objective

To understand that Lourdes is a place of healing.

Resources

PP – Lourdes, a place of healing.

Key vocabulary

Lourdes, healing, prayer, pilgrimage, miracle, Our Lady, water, grotto, rock, procession.

Key questions

- Where did Our Lady of Lourdes visit Bernadette?
- What did the Lady ask Bernadette to do?
- Why do you think Our Lady chose Bernadette?
- Why is water used for healing the sick?
- Why do pilgrims find the rock of the grotto a strong foundation?
- Why is the candlelight procession such an important ritual for pilgrims visiting Lourdes?

Tasks

1. Begin by showing and discussing the information contained in the PP.
2. Write the key words and important information on the board.
3. Discuss the key questions with the children. Do they have any holy water in their home? Where did it come from? How is it used?
4. Ask the children to write a prayer for healing to Our Lady. They can write about a special person if they wish to, or write a prayer of healing for the world, and the way in which we have harmed it.
5. End the lesson by playing some quiet music, and asking those children who wish to, to share their healing prayers with the class.

Success Criteria

I understand the life of St Bernadette and produce a prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes.