

Year 1: Unit 1

Term: Autumn 1

Year:

Is everybody special?

Key Concepts: Community; baptism; the Golden Rule

Learning Objective: to explore how and why people choose to belong to groups and religions and the difference that makes to their lives.

Brief Background Knowledge for teachers

Baptism is recognised by most branches of the Christian Church as one of the sacraments and signs of belonging. In baptism children or adults are welcomed into the church; in some denominations this is the only form of membership; other denominations have a second tier of membership, such as confirmation. Baptism can be by immersion in water (e.g. Baptist church) or by sprinkling (e.g. Anglican church). Some people prefer to be baptised as adults and so hold thanksgiving services for children, allowing them therefore to make their own choice as adults or young people. These differences can be noticed within as well as between denominations. There are several symbols connected with baptism; in brief the water represents cleansing from sin or wrong doing, and the immersion in it mirrors the death and resurrection of Jesus. The candle given at the end of the service represents the passing from darkness (the world) to light (the Kingdom of God); Jesus is often known as the Light of the World. The stories of the Lost Coin and the Lost Sheep are parables – stories with a meaning – told by Jesus. There are many levels on which these parables can be understood, but they both show God's care for the individual in that anything (anyone) lost is worth saving. Each one has value. A key point to note is that the individuals are sought to return to the group. They were noticed as missing because they belonged to the group. The Golden Rule is all about treating others as you wish to be treated and is found in most of the world's major faiths

Expected learning

Pupils will be able to retell simply the parables of the Lost Coin and the Lost Sheep; they will recognise that parables are stories with meaning; they will recognise the sacrament of baptism as a ceremony of belonging; they will be able to describe the key events of the ceremony; they will know the basic meaning of the baptism symbols; they will know that these stories and the ceremony are Christian and be able to identify that other religions may have different ways of expressing belonging; they will know the Golden Rule and be able to identify some ways in which these ideas are connected; they will have an understanding of the concept of community and belonging.

DevelopingExcellingPupils recognise the stories of the Lost Coin & Lost Sheep;
they will identify different groups that people can belong to
and the reasons why people choose to join. They will know
that baptism is a Christian ceremony to show belonging and
they will recognise the key features of the baptism
ceremony. They will talk about their own experiences of
belonging.Excelling
Pupils will know the correct terminology for baptism and be
confident of the meaning of the symbols. Pupils will
compare the advantages and disadvantages of belonging to
a group. They will create their own ceremony for joining a
group and explain the significance of the ceremony for
joiners and the reasons why people would join.

Engage:

- Ask pupils to think about all the things that make them special things that they can do, things they know.
 Pupils could work in pairs to find out one interesting or special thing about their partner and report back to the rest of the class. Pose the question about whether some people are more important than others.
 Discuss.
- Look at some of the groups that pupils belong to and discuss whether being part of a group makes everyone the same. Think about the difference between choosing to be part of a group and just being part of something





Enquire & Explore: (AT1)

- How do we know we are special? Look at wider relationships and how they make us feel about ourselves.
- Read a selection of Bible stories the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep, and discuss what these stories tell us about being special. Children choose one from a range of pictures that they think shows that Jesus thinks everyone is special.
- Investigate baptism and how for Christians that is a way of showing that someone is special to God. Children could interview a Christian or Christian family about why they choose to be baptised or get their child baptised. If there are children of other faiths find out how they might show that they are special to God.

Evaluate: (AT2 Impersonal)

- Does being baptised make you special? Are there other ways to show that people are special?
- Does belonging to different groups make you special or make you all the same?

Reflect & Communicate: (AT2 Personal)

- Does what you believe about yourself change the way you treat other people?
- What is the best way of showing that someone is special?
- This could link to the class charter or school values or Golden rules.

Eva	luation:

• What went well?

• Even better if:

Some suggested resources:

- Bible stories and pictures: Lost Coin Luke 15:8-10; Lost Sheep Luke 15:4-7
- Christians to interview
- DVD versions of Bible stories
- Anglican Baptism Service sheets (ask your local church)
- <u>www.request.org</u> information about Baptism
- <u>www.reonline.org</u>
- <u>www.cist.org.uk/pv/am/ap1001.htm</u> focus on relationships





RE SCHEME OF WORK CLASS RECORD SHEET Assessment opportunities & activities

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 A few pupils may have made significant progress and be able to: Make a link between the stories of Jesus and the belief that everybody is special Describe the artefacts used in baptism Use the correct words to describe the baptism service Ask questions and investigate reasons why people choose to belong to a group/get baptised Prepare a reflection on how a Christian might feel on being baptised Make a link between Christian teaching and how people are/should be treated 		
 Some pupils may be working at a r able to use an increasing religious Retell a story of Jesus and sugge everybody was special Give a reason why people choos Identify some reasons why Christian beliefs with connected with baptism Make up some questions to ask Talk about how baptism/belong Recognise that believing everyb way people treat each other 	vocabulary to: est how that shows he thought se to belong to a religious group stians choose to be baptised th the symbols and artefacts a Christian about baptism ing to a group makes people feel	
 Most pupils will be able to use some religious words and phrases to: Recognise a story of Jesus Talk about how people show that they belong to a group From a selection, recognise artefacts associated with baptism Talk about why Christians choose to be baptised Speak about their own ways of showing they belong Talk about how it feels to belong 		



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