



# *Religious Education*

*Lesson 6 - 12/2/21*

*Baptism*

*Know that we become a member of  
the Church by being baptised.  
Reflect on what it means to be  
baptised.*

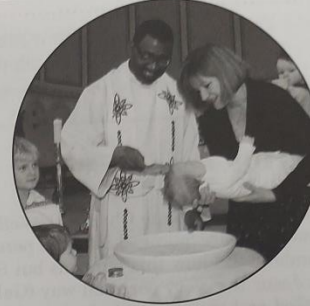


# Read The Story

Look at the picture on page 18 in Big Book: **Baptism**

We belong to a special family, the family of the Church.  
Lots of people belong to our Church family.

When we are baptised we become members of the Church.



## Questions to ask on picture in Big Book:

- What do you see in the picture?
- Who is there?
- What do you think is happening?

## Text of story to read:

It was Sunday at last! Marcus and Joe were awake early and dressed in their best clothes.

Today, they were taking their baby sister to be baptised. The whole family would be there to see baby Anna become part of the Christian family. Marcus and Joe were very excited. They could not remember their own baptisms but they had seen the photographs in the album and Mummy had told them all about it.

The church was full of people who had come to Mass. "That's good," said Dad. "Lots of people to welcome our baby into the Church."

The front seat had been kept free for them. Father Peter came and said 'Hello' to them before Mass. At the last minute, Auntie Jill and Uncle David arrived. They were going to be the baby's Godparents.

When the time came, Father Peter welcomed the whole family and made the sign of the cross on Anna's forehead. He asked the family and the Godparents to come and stand around the baptismal font. He made sure that Marcus and Joe could see everything that was happening. Then Father Peter blessed Anna with holy oil. Marcus and Joe listened as Mummy and Daddy, Auntie Jill and Uncle David made baptismal promises for Anna. They would all help Anna to be a good child of God



# Read The Story

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and grow up in the Christian family.

Then Father Peter poured the holy water over Anna's head three times and said the words of Baptism: "I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." A white shawl was wrapped around Anna and she was given a Baptismal candle.

Afterwards, everyone was very happy. Back at home, they had a party with all the family and friends. One day, Marcus and Joe would tell Anna about the day she was baptised.



# *Discuss The Story*

## Questions to ask on story:

- What did the priest do when he baptised the baby?
- What did he say?
- Why do you think the family had a party?



# Activities

## Activities:

1. Ask pupils to bring a copy of a photograph of their own baptism to be put into a photo album entitled "Joining the Church Family." The photograph could include family members and friends at their Baptism. (*The class teacher perhaps could bring one*).
2. **Work Book** page 19 'Paul is Baptised'.
3. Have a display of Baptismal items, e.g. christening robe (*this can often be purchased at a second hand shop*) /water/oil/prayer book etc. all labelled. Children can write their own (full) names on a card to place on Baptismal table. (*The school usually has a register of full names*). Joining the Church Family Album can also be placed on this table.
4. Use a globe (that lights up, if possible). Children put their stand up figures around it saying 'We belong to God's Family, the biggest family in the world'. These words could be on a large poster behind the globe.
5. **Sing and act** out words of 'Sing for Joy' or 'Though we are many' from Share the Light'. Available from Viewpoint Direct Resources, Fax. 020 8692 0375

**ICT for children:** [www.dottieandbuzz.co.uk](http://www.dottieandbuzz.co.uk) click on 'Baptism' and you will find a variety of activities.



# Activities (continued)

## Paul is Baptised



1. What do you think the priest is doing? Why?

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because .....

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2. What do we become when we are baptised?

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