

Baptism



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The Big Question **Where do I belong?**

KEY VOCABULARY

Baptism	A Christian ceremony in which someone who wishes to join the church is sprinkled with water or dipped in water.
Font	An open container that holds holy water for baptism.
Symbol	An object or picture that represents something else.
Godparent	An adult who promises at a child's baptism to take on certain responsibilities for the child.
Promise	A statement that something absolutely will happen or be done.
Sin	An act of not obeying religious law.
Belonging	The condition of being comfortable and friendly with others.

STICKY KNOWLEDGE – BAPTISM

Baptism is a ceremony performed by Christian churches. It shows that the person being baptized has become a follower of Jesus.

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. The usual form of baptism among the earliest Christians was for the person to be immersed totally or partially and this is still carried out on older children/adults.

When babies are baptized, it is the parents and godparents who make the promises for the baby.

Baptism can take place in a Font or baptismal pool.

The symbols associated with baptism are:

- a white garment (which symbolises putting on the purity of Christ)
- water (which symbolises washing away sins and starting afresh)
- the sign of the cross (made on a baby's head with water to remember Jesus's sacrifice to us)
- a candle (which symbolises Jesus, the light of the world. His presence will burn throughout our lives.)

Christians worship in a church and Hindus in a Mandir or at home.

Christian leaders are called Priests or Vicars.

Hindus have SADHU (holy men), PUJARI and PUROHIT (temple leaders).