



Topic: Christianity (God)

Key Question: How do Christians mark the 'turning points' on the journey of life?

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The First Baptism



Jesus was the first person to be baptised by John the Baptist; these events are recorded in the Bible (Matthew 3: 11-17).



John the Baptist encouraged people to repent their sins and to be baptised as a sign of repentance.

John tried to refuse to baptise Jesus.

Christians believe that when Jesus was baptised God's voice was heard and the heavens opened to welcome him.



Vocabulary you will know...



Baptism	Christian rite of passage to welcome into the Christian Church.
Ceremony	A formal religious or public occasion. Normally celebrating an event, achievement or



Vocabulary you will hear...



Rites of passage, symbolise, Holy Communion

Symbols of Baptism



Symbol	Meaning
Water	Symbolises that sin has been washed from the body.
White garment	White is the colour of purity and signifies the person now has a fresh start in the eyes of God.
Candle	The candle light reminds Christians of their belief that Christ is the 'light of the world'.
Cross	The sign of the cross ensures the person will be protected by God.
Dove	The Dove symbolises peace between God and human beings.

Types of Baptism

There are two types of baptism. Infant Baptism and Believers Baptism.



Christians believe Baptism is a right of passage that you must go through before you are welcomed fully into the Christian faith.



Infant Baptism

During an infant baptism:

- Baby, godparents and parents are welcomed
- Readings are heard from the Bible
- The parents and godparents take vows on behalf of the child
- Water is poured over the baby's head
- Godparents are given a lighted candle
- The baby may be dressed in white

Christians believe this ceremony welcomes the child into Church and some believe it removes sin.

Believers Baptism

During a believer's baptism

- Those wanting to be baptised present themselves
- Readings are heard from the Bible
- Each candidate describes how they became a believer in Jesus
- The candidate asks for baptism
- The candidate and minister enter a 'baptismal pool' and candidate is fully submerged in the water for several seconds.
- The newly baptised person changes clothes and the community celebrate.