

## KS1 Unit 2, Lesson 4 – Why are some times special? Believers baptism

### Context:

This lesson looks at a different baptism service. Some parents choose to have their children dedicated to God as babies and then when the children grow up they can choose for themselves to be baptised. They will be baptised in a pool by going right under the water.

**Overview:** These lessons introduce Infant Baptism as generally practiced in the Church of England and then go on to look at Infant Dedication and Believer's Baptism as practiced by other Christian denominations.

**Essential core:** Recall what happens in both Infant Baptism and Believers' Baptism. Water is used. The person baptising usually says "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and the son, and the Holy spirit." The person is welcomed into the Christian Church.

Understand that baptism shows that a person is entering (joining) the Christian Church.

Know that "church" means the Christian community – not the building. The word "church" is often used to mean church building but it really means the Christian community.

### Resources:

<https://request.org.uk/restart/2014/04/16/jesus-2/>

[request.org.uk/teachers/Christianity-unpacked-baptism-dedication-and confirmation](https://request.org.uk/teachers/Christianity-unpacked-baptism-dedication-and confirmation) click on Believers Baptism service

### INTRODUCTION:

Discuss our last lesson about Infant Baptism. Can anyone remember why babies are baptised like this? To welcome them into the family of the worldwide Christian church. Look at the story of Jesus being baptised in the Lion Children's Bible Talk about how Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist by being immersed in the water of the river Jordan.

### BUILD UP:

Watch the short video of Jesus being baptised on RE:quest

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Discuss what happened in this video.

When some people are grown up they decide they want to be baptised in the same way that Jesus was to show they have decided for themselves that they want to live as a Christian.

Watch the believer's baptism video (click on Believers Baptism service).

[request.org.uk/teachers/Christianity-unpacked-baptism-dedication-and confirmation](https://request.org.uk/teachers/Christianity-unpacked-baptism-dedication-and confirmation)

Discuss what happens in this video. Why do they go right under the water? This was how Jesus was baptised - they want to do the same.

What is different about infant baptism (christening) and believer's baptism?

### TASK:

Draw a picture of believer's baptism.

Ext write labels or captions for pictures.

Talk about why they wanted to go right under the water.

### PLENARY:

Share some pictures of children's work.

### FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

What are they joining? Why did they go right under the water?