

Why do Christians keep and make promises before God?

Key Vocabulary:

belong - to be a part of a community where you feel safe

baptism - to be blessed by water

promises - to show you are going to try and do something

candle - the candle is used to remember the Baptism

font - a special type of bowl filled with water used at a baptism

John the Baptist - A relation of Jesus who baptised him. John didn't feel worthy to baptise Jesus as he was the son of God but Jesus

told him it must be done.

godparents - family or friends chosen to help you live a Christian life



Key Knowledge: John the Baptist

- John the Baptist was related to Jesus
- He baptised people in the water as the water was to wash away their sins
- People were baptised to say sorry for their sins and make promises for the future
- John baptised Jesus in the River Jordan

Links:

Reception - In Reception we learnt about different religious celebrations such as Easter and Christmas. We learnt about being a Christian too.



Key knowledge: Baptism

- The baby is baptised and welcomed into the Christian family
- The baby will have godparents who promise to look after and teach them to live a Christian life following the lessons of the Bible
- The priest or vicar will make a cross on the baby's head with oil
- The font is filled with holy water and the priest or vicar will say "I baptise you in the name of the Father, of the Son and the Holy Spirit"
- Special prayers are said and a candle may be given to remember the ceremony by

