

For Christians, signs and symbols speak of God's mysterious presence in the world and in our lives.

Special symbols are called 'sacraments' because they put us in touch in a powerful way with the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus and they point to his continued presence among us today.

Not all children may be baptised. Not only babies are baptised.

## SIGNS & SYMBOLS

Year 2 Topic 2



### OUR BIG QUESTION

Are signs and symbols important?



### REFLECTION

Almighty and eternal God,  
you keep together those you have united.  
Look kindly on all who follow Jesus your Son.  
We are all consecrated to you by our  
common baptism;  
make us one in the fullness of faith  
and keep us one in the fellowship of love.  
Amen.





### KEY VOCABULARY

garment (piece of clothing)  
candle  
font (somewhere in church to hold the Holy water)  
chrism (a type of oil)  
Good News  
sign symbols

### SCRIPTURE

John 3:5

'I am telling you the truth,'  
replied Jesus. 'No one can  
enter the Kingdom of God  
without being born of water  
and the Spirit.'

<b>Word</b>	<b>Picture</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
candle		<p>The Baptismal candle is lit from the Easter candle. The parents are given this candle so they will help their child follow the light of Christ.</p>
chrism		<p>The priest anoints the baby with the oil of chrism. It represents that the baby has been made holy.</p>
font		<p>The font holds the holy water which is used in Baptism. It symbolises the River Jordan, where Jesus was baptised.</p>
garment		<p>The parents wrap a white garment around the baby. It represents purity (sins have been washed away).</p>