



Religion	Christian
Denomination	Roman Catholic
Question answered:	What symbols are important to you? (KS1 Q 1)
Key Concepts, questions, and outcomes:	Symbols, communication, God, beliefs, sacred, worship Why do symbols and stories play important roles in religions? Does everyone believe the same things about God? Recognise and give simple accounts of the core beliefs.
Key teaching points:	Symbols communicate important messages about beliefs; Christianity has several symbols. This film deals with the cross and water.
Prior knowledge:	Some knowledge of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Core Vocabulary:			
Cross	Most common symbol of Christianity representing the way Jesus died	Water Stoop	Shallow basin at the entrance to a church containing water
Sign of the Cross	The action of making a cross sign on entering church or starting to pray	Bless	Ask God to look with favour on someone
Jesus	Most Christians believe that he is Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God	Hope	Christian hope is based on trust in God and that what He has said will happen
Baptism	The ceremony that welcomes a believer to the church family	Sacrifice	Giving something precious up

Summary of answers:
<p>The first speaker talks about the significance of water as a symbol, as it washes and refreshes and reminds a believer of Baptism. Baptism is the action that shows that someone has become a Christian. He refers also to the act of dipping a finger in the stoop of water as worshippers enter a church. He says that they will bless themselves, but it is the second speaker who refers to making the sign of the cross.</p> <p>Both speakers talk about the cross, being a sign of hope, although the death of Jesus is sad. Because he rose to life again it becomes a symbol of hope and a reminder that Jesus is always with them. Making the sign of the cross makes it a personal reminder that each individual matters to Jesus.</p>

Next Steps:
<p>Watch a Baptism service in a Catholic church and see how water is used. Look for the sign of the cross being made on the baby or adult being baptised. Find out what words are spoken at a baptism service. If any pupils have been to a baptism service, they can talk about what they saw.</p> <p>Visit a Catholic church in person or online and look for different crosses. Explore a wide range of crosses from around the world. Find out how and where crosses can be found and how different crosses might be used.</p>