

CANDLE

When you were baptised you received a lighted candle. Jesus said....

'I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD'

The priest said:

'Receive the Light of Christ - Keep it burning brightly.'

The candle reminds us to keep our faith 'burning' - to carry the light of Christ in our hearts, and to be God's light in the world.



Promises

At our Baptism we (or our parents) make promises to show that we want to live in the new way of life that God has given us.

What is a promise?

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Why do we make promises?

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How do you feel when you keep your promise?

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Or when you don't?

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What promises could you make to God?

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What promises to you think God makes to us?

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Confirmation Lesson 1

Name

Belonging to the Family of God

When you were younger your parents made a big decision for you. They wanted you to belong to God's family - so you were baptised.



They wanted you to believe in God, in Jesus and in the Holy Spirit. And they wanted to do everything they could to help you live happily as part of God's family that we call the Church.

So what's next.....?

Now that you are older -

It's time for you to make that choice your own.

It's time for you to learn more about what that choice means and how you can live more fully as part of God's family the Church.

Are you ready for that?

Sign here if you are ready to begin the next part of the journey!

Name Date.....

Signature.....

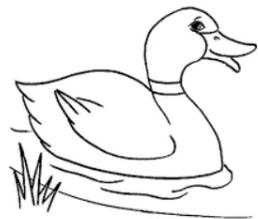
OIL



When you were baptised you were blessed (or anointed) with special perfumed oil called Chrism.

Did you know that...

Long ago, soldiers covered themselves with oil to protect themselves from their enemies? It is very difficult to catch and hold onto anything covered in oil if it wants to get away!



Ducks produce oil to coat their feathers as a special way to waterproof, protect, insulate and help them keep afloat.

Priests and kings were anointed with oil as a sign of their special role and a symbol of strength.

We are anointed with oil at our Baptism to symbolise how special it is to be in God's family and to be strong followers of Jesus.

Can you think of some times when we need Jesus to help us be strong?

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WATER

When you were Baptised the priest poured water over your head and said -

"I baptise you in the name of the F..... and of the S..... and of the H.....S....."

Why do you think we use water when we Baptise someone?

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Think of all the things we use water for

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Everyday water helps us and all other living things to stay alive. In Baptism water is a symbol of God giving life to us.

We call this a

NEW LIFE



which we share with God, with Jesus and with the Holy Spirit.

White Gown or Cloth

From long ago, a white gown or cloth has been used as a symbol of a newly baptised person. When you were baptised the priest said-



"You have become a new creation (person) and have clothed yourself in Christ. Keep this new life always so that you can be with God forever."