**Appendix Lesson 6: Using talking tubs**

**Talking tubs:**

A talking tub is a collection of materials that are designed to stimulate talking and thinking about a concept. They can also be used to:

* assess prior knowledge and understanding;
* assess pupil knowledge and understanding part way through a teaching sequence or at the end of a unit of learning.

**Possible content of a talking tub to explore the question:** **Why do Christians make and keep promises before God?**

**How to use the talking tub:**

* Church
* Font
* Baptistry
* Godparents
* Parents
* Water
* Scallop shell
* Candle
* Oil
* Promises
* Priest
* Ring
* Christening gown
* Wedding dress
* Congregation
* God
* John the Baptist
* Jesus
* Baptism
* Marriage
* Christian

The activity works best when the photos/objects are presented in a box to create the element of mystery and exploration.

**Step 1:**

* Children are given the opportunity to talk about each object/photo in the box. What can they remember from the unit of learning? Children are encouraged throughout to use religious vocabulary in their talk and conversation.

**Step 2:**

* On strips of paper, children write down what they believe the key knowledge is for each item, using appropriate religious vocabulary.

**Step 3:**

* On a different coloured strip of paper, children write down any links/connections they can make/see between the items. Eg: Water, oil, candle = symbols of baptism. John the Baptist and Jesus = John baptised Jesus. Vows and exchange of rings = promises they make to each other. Congregation, baptism and marriage = both rites of passage require witnesses to be present.

**Step 4:**

* On speech bubbles, children write down any questions they still have related to the big question?

A brick church with a cross on the roof

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**Parents and Godparents**

A close up of water

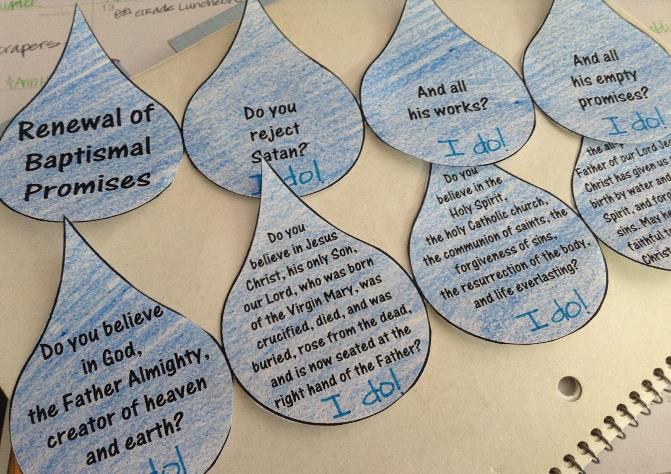
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Baptism Water











**A white baby dress and a bag

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**God**





**Baptism**





**Marriage**



**Christian**

A group of people sitting in a church

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