



# BAPTISM

# Water

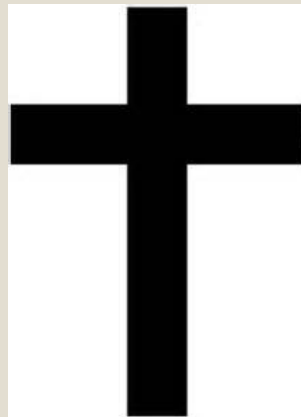
The need for water in Baptism represents the need for water in life - without it we wouldn't live! " If a man is not born through water and the Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God".

It is a sign that the baby is sharing in the new life of Jesus.



# Sign of the Cross

The sign of the cross is an important sign for Christians as Jesus died on the cross and rose again after three days.

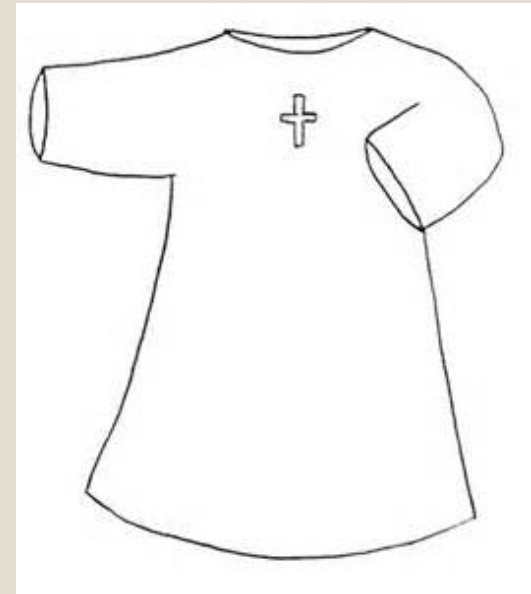


# Candle

Is a sign that Jesus is the light of the world. It brightens our lives and makes us see more clearly how we should treat others.



# White Garment



This is usually a white shawl or dress and is wrapped around the baby towards the end of the baptism. The shawl is on the baby as a sign that the baby shares in the new life of Jesus.

# Oil



A special oil that has been blessed is poured on the baby's head as a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit who will help the baby in his or her Christian life.



# Make your own candle

- Do you have your Baptismal Candle? What symbols does it have on it?
- Try drawing and decorating your own candle, or you could try making a 3D candle from a cardboard tube.



# Prayer time

- Make a prayer area using your candles and say the Our Father with your family.

*Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.*

