

Anointing of the Sick

In our lesson today, we will be learning about a special Sacrament called Anointing of the Sick.



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Vocabulary

Key words:

Symbol: something simple that leads you to imagine a bigger, more mysterious reality.

Sacrament: a living sign by which we receive God's help for our souls in a particular way.

Signs: something that gives us instructions.

Anointing: rubbing oil onto a person during a religious ceremony.

Time to Think

In our last two lessons, we have found out about some miracles that Jesus performed. In particular, we have looked at two miracles where Jesus healed someone:

Jesus healed a man born blind

The centurion's Servant.

There are called miracles of healing.

Talk to your grown up about what you remember.



Time to Think



Anointing the sick

When Jesus healed people he:

Touched people

Laid His hands gently on a person

Prayed for them

Spoke to them

Today, the Church continues to care for the sick through anointing with a special oil. This is called the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick.

Let's recap what we know
about Sacraments.

Let's Learn

When we think about Sacraments, we will think of lots of symbols. Before we begin, let's think about what we mean by a symbol and how it is different from a sign.

Talk to your grown up about your ideas.



Signs

Signs are everywhere.



They give us **information and instructions.**

The purpose of a sign is to have a clear and obvious meaning, that is **understood the same way by everyone.**

A sign is a quick, simple way of communicating facts and directions.

Symbols



Symbols are **more complicated**. They can have several layers of meaning and symbols mean different things to different people.

Symbols **say more than signs**. They often stand for people's ideas, feelings and beliefs.

What do these mean?



Talk to your grown up and explain the difference between a sign and a symbol.

The difference between a sign and symbol is that a sign is designed to...

A symbol is different to this because it is designed to...

Living signs.

A 'Living Sign' is a sign that is put into action.

An example being the way a mother shows her love to her child.



For all Christians, a sacrament is a living sign of love from God.

There are 7 Sacraments in Catholic teaching... **All of these are ways in which a Christian can experience the love of God.**

They are even seen as doors to God; when a Catholic Christian takes part in a sacrament, the door opens and God is there.

Talk about any Sacraments you have received such as Baptism? Or maybe you have been to a wedding or Confirmation Mass. Whenever you go to Mass, you see people receiving the Eucharist.

The Seven Sacraments



1. **Baptism**
2. **Confirmation**
3. **Eucharist**
4. **Reconciliation**
5. **Marriage**
6. **Holy Orders**
7. **Anointing of the sick**

Sacraments

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism
Holy Communion
Confirmation

Sacraments of Service

Marriage
Holy Orders



The Seven Sacraments

Sacraments of Healing

Reconciliation
Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments can be split into 3 groups.

Today we will think about The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick which is a Sacrament of healing.

Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick

If you have some olive oil at home and some paper, ask your grown up if you can write your name on the paper using the oil. What happens?



Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick

Did you notice that the oil was absorbed and the paper became **translucent**? (That means you can see light through the paper).

Oil is an important part of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



Symbols

There are lots of symbols used in this Sacrament..



Oil is used in this sacrament to represent Jesus' healing grace. It is absorbed into the skin to give strength and courage.

The priest touches the sick person, just as Jesus did.

The sick person may also receive Holy Communion.

The priest will say special prayers.

Symbols


There are lots of symbols used in this Sacrament..



Candles are often lit because Christ is the Light of the World. By lighting the candles it shows Christ is present.

A cross or crucifix are present at the time of anointing, so the sick person can feel God's presence.

A purple stole is worn by the priest as he administers of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.



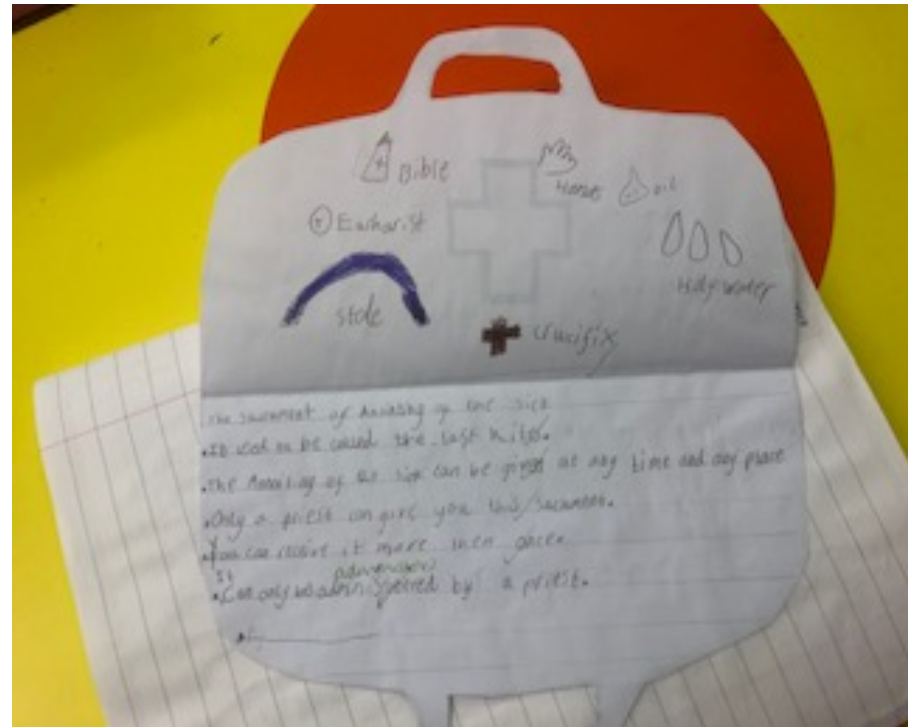
This Sacrament can help us on our journey through life. It gives us comfort when we are ill; it gives us courage and strength and at the end of our life, it helps us prepare to be with Jesus in Heaven.

Your Task

Draw a set of symbols used in this sacrament and explain what they mean. There is a 'First Aid Kit Template' to use on the next page or you can just draw your own.

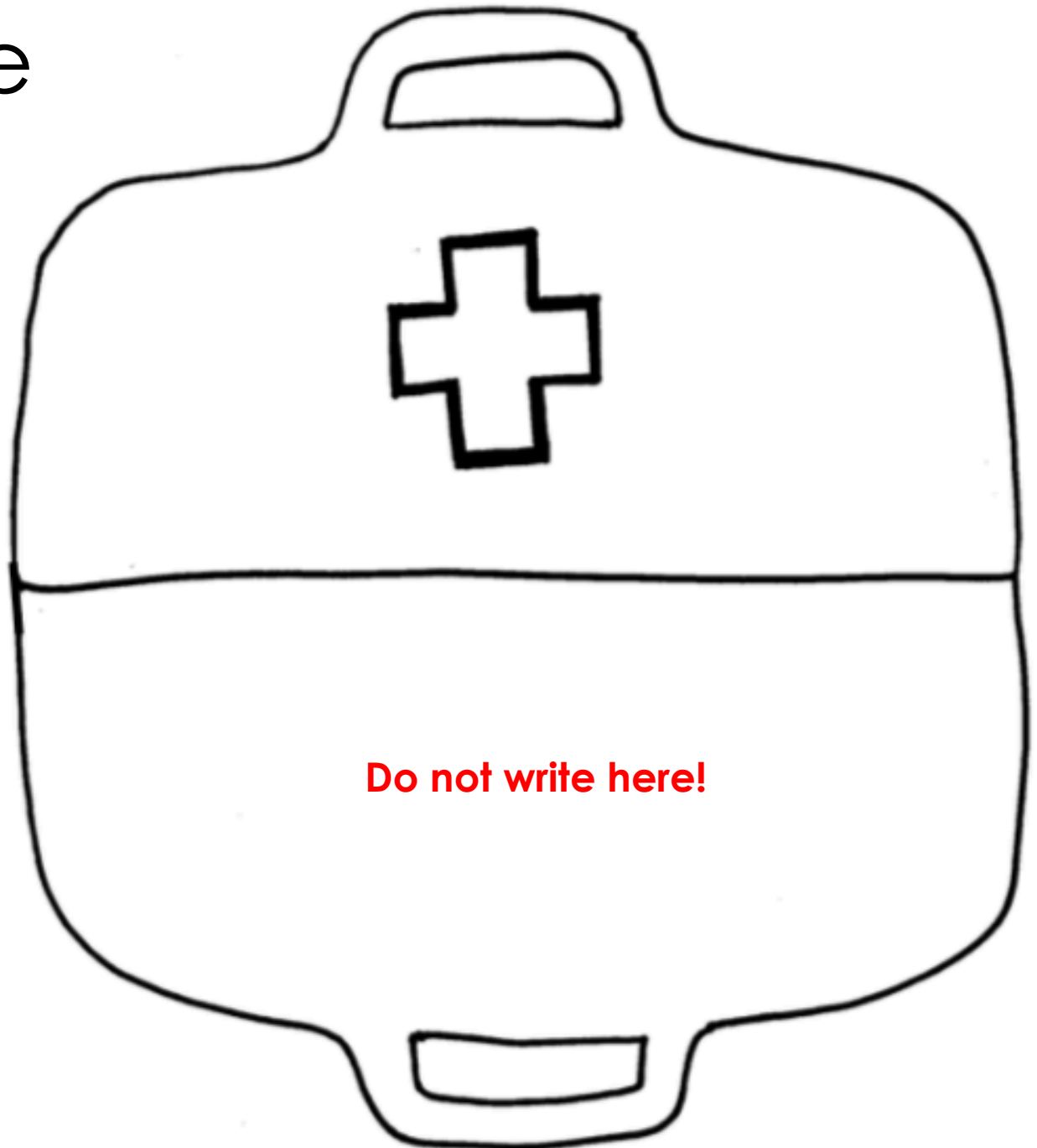


Remember to write on the inside of the first aid kit – so when you fold it over you can see the green cross on the outside! .



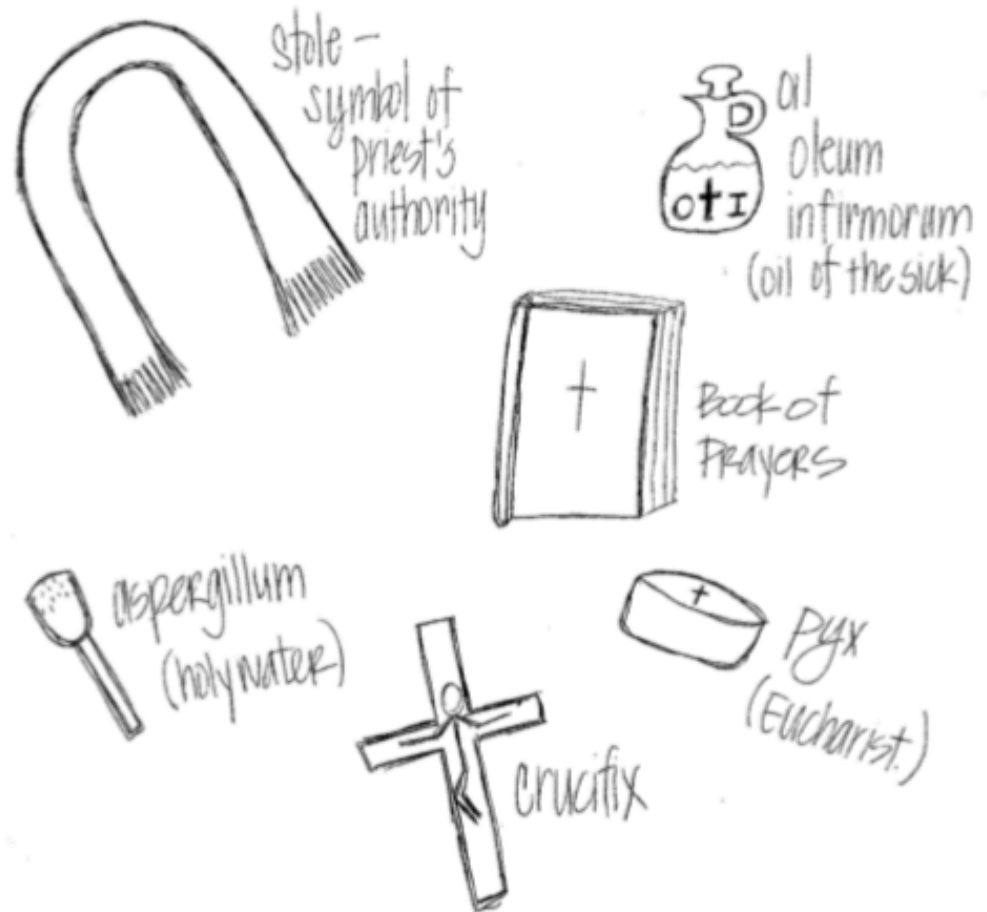
Template

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Do not write here!

Useful Information



Celebration of Anointing of the Sick

1. Prayer of Faith- the Church prays God will be with the person
2. Laying on of Hands- priest lays hands on the person like Jesus did
3. Anointing with Oil- anointing on forehead and hands- oil represents health and wellness

*can happen anywhere person needs it *minister- priest *almost always joined with Eucharist

Reflection



Your Task

Hold a prayer time with your family where you pray for those in our community who are sick. Perhaps you could write a prayer.