

Exploring Christian Symbols and Traditions

Learning objective: To identify and explain the meaning of key symbols and practices within Christianity.

Pip the caterpillar has found a collection of symbols and traditions used in Christianity, but they have all been mixed up! Match the symbol or tradition on the left to its correct meaning or description on the right by drawing a line between them. Then, write a short sentence explaining why that symbol is important.

Word bank: The Cross · The Bible · Baptism · The Eucharist (Holy Communion) · The Dove · A Candle

1. The Cross → [Match to: A reminder of Jesus' sacrifice and love for humanity] (2 marks)

2. The Bible → [Match to: The holy book containing the Old and New Testaments] (2 marks)

3. Baptism → [Match to: A ceremony using water to welcome someone into the church] (2 marks)

4. The Eucharist → [Match to: Sharing bread and wine to remember the Last Supper] (2 marks)

5. The Dove → [Match to: A symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit] (2 marks)

6. A Candle → [Match to: Represents the light of Christ in the world] (2 marks)

Draw: Design your own stained-glass window for a church. Use bright colours and include at least two of the symbols you matched today!



Extension challenge: Can you think of a symbol that represents 'peace' or 'love' from your own life or another tradition? Explain how it is similar to or different from the Christian symbols.