



DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

	<p>THE FISH (whole school) Matthew 4 v 15 Although there is a connection with the first disciples and the instruction that they become fishers of men, the main importance of the fish symbol was as a secret sign during the time of persecution in the Roman Empire in the years following Jesus' crucifixion. The Greek word for fish ΙΧ ΘΥΣ (Ichthus) comprised the Greek letters which stood for</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I Jesus X Christ Ω Son U God S Saviour</p> <p>Some people still continue to wear a lapel pin/bracelet containing this symbol.</p>	<p>Give each pupil a simply drawn fish sticker to wear during the day saying that you might ask them what it means at some point! Say that it should remind them of Jesus when they look at it.</p>	
	<p>A SCALLOP SHELL (class or Key Stage worship) A scallop shell is sometimes used to pour the water over the baby's head in baptism and there is a particular reason for this (cleansing, repentance, forgiveness, and then the threefold pouring for the Trinity). Watch a clip of this (eg BBC clips online) or show using a doll. This shell is the symbol of St James who is believed to have been buried at Santiago de Compostela. Pilgrims used to visit his tomb which is close to the coast. They might pick up a shell to show that they had made that pilgrimage and perhaps put it in their hatband. See if you can find any images of this. In the baptism service, baptism is described as a journey or pilgrimage. What "souvenirs" do the children have of their journeys? Why are souvenirs important? Christian symbols are so important because of the help they provide in deepening an understanding of faith and its significance.</p>	<p>We praise and thank You, Lord, for the gift of living water. Guide us to use it wisely, consume it sparingly, and protect its purity. Amen (or similar age appropriate prayer)</p>	