



Year 1

(Unit 1/c)

7 hours

Belonging to a religious community

- *To what groups do the children belong?*
- *How would a religious group welcome someone new?*
- *What does it mean to belong to a Christian group?*

After discussions about our families and the groups we belong to, divide the board or page into four. Ask the children who is in charge of their home - be prepared for some interesting answers! - their school and the country. The last quarter could contain the following faith statement "Christian people believe that God is in charge of everything". You may wish to broaden this statement to include other faiths. You could then ask pupils to think of different rules for home, school and country.

Discuss why rules are so important and how they differ from place to place. The Highway Code is a good starting point. You may like to point out that Christian people (and those of other faiths) believe that God's rules are very important.

Watch BBC's 'Pathways to Belief - Church' video (15 minutes) or 'Sarah and Paul' church video.

Enact an infant baptism using a doll and a bowl of water, asking children to be parents and Godparents.

The site www.request.org.uk has excellent material on infant baptism, including a video clip of a vicar baptising a baby.

Invite a Christian parent into a lesson to explain why belonging to a church is important to their family. We can recommend speakers who are used to working with children - e-mail us for more information.

There is more information about churches in the Year 2 unit.