



Religion	Christianity
Denomination	Baptist
Question answered:	What symbols are important to you? (KS1 Q1)
Key concepts, questions, and outcomes:	Symbols, God, beliefs, story Why do symbols and stories play important roles in religions? Does everyone believe the same things about God? Recognise and give simple accounts of the core beliefs.
Key teaching points:	The cross is the central symbol of Christianity and is linked to the story of Jesus
Prior knowledge:	The basic narrative of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus

Core Vocabulary:			
Cross	The object on which Jesus was put to death.	Forgiveness	When the wrong things people have done are forgiven
Resurrection	Jesus' return to life after three days	Water	Symbol of new life, used in baptism
Jesus	Second person of the Trinity, son of God, one with God	Baptism	Ritual marking the start of a person's life as a Christian
Bible	Sacred text for Christians	Baptistry	The large pool where some churches baptise their members.

Summary of answers:
<p>All four people mention the cross. The second speaker gives details about the story behind the cross, explaining why the empty cross is most significant. She links this to the resurrection of Jesus, the fact that he is alive and no longer dead. The fourth speaker talks about how wearing a cross reminds her that God is always with her.</p> <p>The first speaker mentions the Bible but gives no details.</p> <p>The third speaker explains why water is also a symbol for Christians as it is used in baptism and is essential for life.</p>

Next Steps:
<p>Pupils could explore a range of crosses and look at different elements of the Christian story. Do they agree that the empty cross is the most significant?</p> <p>Explore the practice of baptism, looking at how water is used.</p> <p>Consider looking for ways other than baptism that water may be significant for a Christian. Find out if water is significant for people in any other religions.</p> <p>Research a water charity to find out the importance of water for all people.</p>