

Useful topics to include for schools

- Christianity and comparative Religion
The Christian stories, faith and way of life are important under this heading. There are usually good examples illustrated in stained glass windows.
- The Church in the Community
This relates to the way the church is involved in birth (baptism), marriage, way of life and death, commemorations and other involvement in the community both now and historically.
- The Christian Journey of Life
Following on from the previous points and adding to them, it can be useful to schools and clergy alike if questions lead from the font (baptism), down the nave (spiritual journey), to the lectern (Word of God), the pulpit (interpretation of the Word), on to the Altar (Holy Sacrament and Christ Himself) and finally to a memorial (death and afterlife).
- Symbolism
This topic begins of course with the cross (and crucifix) so try to include some of the symbols frequently found in churches like: - IHS, chi rho, INRI, alpha and omega and symbols which relate to particular saints and the Christian story.
Please remember to use the Answer Bank on the Trail microsite. It is well-researched and helpful.
- Historical periods reflected in the church (Saxon, Norman, Medieval, Tudor, Georgian, Victorian, Arts and Crafts etc.)
- Architecture, crafts and art
- Heraldry
It is fascinating and good to try and get an interest kindled with simple questions. Using the language of the colours can be one way into this complex subject. An explanation of these can be found in the Answer Bank.
- Perhaps look up SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) on the web and find out the agreed syllabus your local authority has decided to adopt with regard to RE.

Sample question



1 FONT

This is where people are baptised (or christened) when they become members of the church.

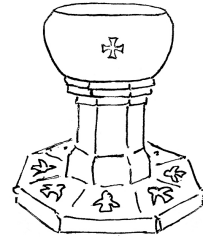
What is put into the font for a baptism?

W _ _ _ _ (these dashes should be double spaced)

How many sides has the font? _____

Is this a hexagon  or an octagon 

Tick the correct shape



NB Where we ask children to fill in missing letters e.g. W _ _ _ _ use double spaced dashes, Tahoma font size 12 or 14 as young children tend to have large writing. Remember to leave as big a space as possible, for any drawing answers.

Plan of the church

- Add the names - NAVE, CHANCEL, ALTAR and any other important places on the plan.

Answer sheet

This is a headed sheet, rather than a template, so you have much more flexibility with the design and layout. You may like to use bullet points on the Answer sheet to help accompanying adults to find the separate parts of an answer more quickly as they go around the church.

Note - only the child's expected answer should be in **bold**.

Sample answer

1 FONT

WATER is put in the font at baptism when people are welcomed into the Christian Church. This font has **8** sides and is an **octagon**