



**Year 2
Presents
Jesus'
Baptism**

Year 2 RE Day
Monday 9th January

Jesus' Baptism

Our third RE day was all about Jesus' Baptism.

The word baptism comes from the Greek word 'baptismo' meaning to dip or immerse.

The story of the baptism of Jesus is found in all four gospels. St Matthew Chapter 3 vs13-17, St Mark Ch1. vs9-11, St Luke Ch.3 vs21-22, St John Ch1vs 29-34.

We watched a reading from Matthew which explained John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus and what happens when Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan.



After that we went into groups to talk about how different people in the story would have felt.



Then we chose one person from each group to go in the hot seat and answer questions from the class.



There were some interesting answers – Jesus was a bit cross that John wasn't ready to baptise him when he arrived; The crowd thought Jesus was a bit rude to push to the front of the queue to get baptised; John was very proud to play such an important part in Jesus' life.

After break the class walked to St Mary's in Carisbrooke to meet Rev. Marcus and find more out about baptism.

The children told him about their own experience of baptism and he asked what special symbols are used for a baptism and explained each one of them:

First – Water for cleansing

Second- Shell for pilgrimage

Third – Light, from a candle representing Jesus as the Light of the World



We chose Emily and Sonny to be parents to the baby that was going to be baptised.



They chose the name Daniel, so we knew he was a boy. That meant 2 boys and 1 girl would be Godparents. These were Zach, Matthew and Acacia.



Rev. Marcus explained everything as he was going along. There were lots of questions to answer for the parents, godparents and the congregation before the water went into the font and was blessed.



Then Rev. Marcus took the baby, asked what he was to be named and baptised him by spilling water on its head with a shell.



He gave the baby back to the parents and then made a sign of the cross on its forehead with more water.



The last thing that happened in the mock baptism was Rev. Marcus gave one of the godparents a lit candle to remind us Jesus is Light of the World.



The children created fonts from clay after they had been to church and seen the old one in St Mary's.



Finally we looked at artists pictures of Jesus' baptism and painted own idea of what Jesus' baptism was like.

