

The Sacrament of Baptism...

Spreading the Easter Light



## You will need...

- A candle marked with the symbols of the Paschal Candle: Alpha and Omega; Cross; Current Year.



- Individual tea light candles in candle holders for each participant.
- Taper/ Candle to light smaller candles.
- Large Tray to gather all small candles together.
- Baptism Symbols
  - *Simple bowl with jug or shell will serve as a Baptism font. It should be filled with water.*
  - *Baptism candle*
  - *Simple white garment.)*
- This activity is best done in a room which can be darkened by turning out the lights.

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*The Sacrament of Baptism*

*(Point to the Paschal Candle,  
which should be marked with:  
Alpha and Omega; Cross;  
Current Year.)*



If you go to the Church, most of the year you will see a candle like this – It's called the Paschal Candle, and it's meant to remind us of Jesus.

***What do we have on this candle?***

- Alpha; omega – Jesus is the beginning and the end.
- Cross (Jesus not on the cross – risen);
- Number for this year (Jesus is still with us after all this time.

## ***Baptism Symbols***

***(Point to Baptism symbols...)***

On Easter Sunday night, we use a Baptism font.



There are also:

- Candle,
- White garment...

*These help us to think about the special moment when the light of God came into our life.*



## ***Symbol of Light Coming to the Darkness***

Before Jesus was born, people were waiting for someone who had been promised by God, long ago. This person would bring light into the darkness of the world.

One day an angel came and spoke to Mary. Then she knew that the light was coming into the world very soon.





I'm going to turn out the lights now and it will be very dark, just like it was before Jesus came, but we'll still be able to see.

*(Turn out the lights...)*

When the time came for the baby to be born, Mary and Joseph had to find a stable.

Then later that night, Jesus was born; the light came into the darkness.

*( Light the Paschal Candle.)*



This baby was no ordinary baby

- Angels came surrounded by light
  - A star appeared and by following its light, three wise men found him..
  - Jesus, who was the light of the world had come to earth to be with us.
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- People could see the light shining from Jesus;
  - He made blind people see and many other things.
  - He had come to bring light to the world.

Some people did not like what he said; they crucified him. He died on the cross and the light was snuffed out.

*(Snuff Candle.)*



But the Light of Jesus was stronger than death...

Three days later, he came back to life.

*(Re-light Paschal Candle)*

Jesus was alive...





## ***God's Plan for Spreading the Light.***

God had a plan for this light to grow and become brighter and brighter until it covered the whole earth. He told people to spread the light through Baptism.

Many people baptised since... filled with the light of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.



Now I'm going to give you all a candle to hold so that you can think about this...

*(Using a taper, light individual tea-light candles in a container.*

*Call each child one by one and hand them the lit candle saying...)*

*[Name] receive the light of Christ.*



Let's think about this light. All of these lights have come from the one flame. Jesus was just one person... let's sing about the light;

( Appropriate song... "This little light of mine..."; The "Light of Christ")

I'm going to collect the candles now – put them on the tray, and we'll see again how the light increases as we put the Baptism candles together.



Imagine what it would be like if we put every light together.

What it would be like if we had lights for everyone in this street, city, who have ever lived.

Every day it is growing brighter and stronger.



## ***White Garment***

Something else helps us to think about the light... a white garment. It helps to show on the outside what is happening on the inside.

You might like to light a candle for other people you want to receive the light... Mum, dad, brother, sister...

It's time for you to choose a work to do to think about what we have just done.





