

You already know about:

- **The birth of Jesus -**
Jesus was born in Bethlehem and his earthly mother and father were Mary and Joseph.

Baptism



font



white clothes for baptism



Baptismal candle

Families and celebrations



weddings



Mass



Christmas

Key vocabulary

Baptism - A celebration in church for welcoming and blessing a new baby. (see Key Facts)

Celebration - To do something special for an important event

Font - usually found at the back of the church, containing water that is used during Baptism

Nationality - people who live in the same country and share the same history, traditions and language

Occasion - a time when something special happens



1. In the name of the Father,



2. and of the Son,



3. and of the Holy



4. Spirit.



5. Amen.

Sign of the cross

Temple - a building used for worshipping God



Jesus visits the temple



singing hymns

What happens in church?



Being part of God's family

Key Facts:

- During a Baptism service, a baby becomes a child of God and is welcomed into the church family. Parents and godparents gather around the baptismal font. The priest makes the sign of the cross on the baby's forehead using holy oil. Water is blessed and then poured three times over the baby's head as a sign that all sin is being washed away. The baby is usually dressed in white to show that they are now free from sin. A baptismal candle is presented to the baby to help them, remember that Jesus is the light of the world.
- Forty days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took him to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented.
- Everyone can be in God's family.
- A number of different celebrations take place in church as well as acts of worship such as saying prayers, singing hymns and reading from the Bible.

