

Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

**Topic: Unit 1 -
Communion; Commitment;
Church**

Year 3

**Do Christians have to take
Communion?**

Knowledge

Communion, also called Eucharist, the Lord's Supper or Mass is a Christian ritual.

Communion is a ritual to show the togetherness of Christians and God.

The Last Supper was Jesus' last meal before he died and shared two signs with his followers: bread as a symbol for his body being broken, and wine as a symbol for his blood being spilled when he was crucified.

Baptism is done as a cleansing symbol; showing that the person being baptised has become a follower of Jesus.

Vocabulary

- **Belonging** – to be part of a group
- **Baptism** – a Christian ceremony of belonging
- **Ceremony** – a way to honour a special occasion
- **Communion** – 'togetherness' and this is a ritual to show the togetherness of Christians and God.
- **Last Supper** – Jesus' last meal before he died



Activities

- Read the Bible passage from 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 that takes us through the understanding of the communion service.
- Explore some of the different ways that communion/Eucharist/Mass/Lord's Supper is celebrated, including around the world.
- Explore baptism, and evaluate whether that is a better way of expressing belonging. Look at different types of baptism service.
- Interview some local Christians; asking questions about what they do to express their faith and why.

Skills

- Retell the story of the Last Supper
- Describe some of the ways that some Christians demonstrate their faith
- Give a reason why Christians take communion
- Identify and match the symbols of the Eucharist to key Christian beliefs
- Talk about and recognise that different people might feel differently about communion