

## Week 1. What is a symbol?

(CL:Rec ch:1,2,3,4,5,6,,8,13. ELG:LAU:1,2,3. S:1,2,3.U+W: Rec ch: 7.ELG:PCC:2. PD: Rec ch: 4,5. ELG:FM:1,3).

### 1.Show powerpoint introducing symbols.

**What is a symbol?** Gather children's ideas and record.  
Explain-it is a mark or character standing for something.

**2. What do these symbols mean to you?** Show children everyday symbols-children recognise and say what they stand for.

**3. What is a Christian symbol?** Gather children's responses-draw any of the symbols that the children know. Discuss.

## Week 2. What does the cross symbolise?

(CL:Rec ch:1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13. ELG:LAU:1,2,3. S:1,2,3.U+W: Rec ch: 7.ELG:PP:3,PCC:2. PD: Rec ch: 4,5,11. ELG:FM:1. L:W:7,8.ELG:W:1,2).

1.Show a variety of crosses and remind the children of our Holy week/Easter worship assembly/KS2 Easter story play. Children recall their learning.

**2. What does the cross symbolise to Christians?** Show slides that relate on powerpoint. 3. Read non fiction book on the cross symbol.

4. Children add different materials to make a whole class cross collage, writing words to reflect it's meaning to Christians.

## Week 3. What do lights /candles symbolise in Christianity?

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1.Talk about 'The Trinity' candles in our worship assemblies-God the father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

**2.What do the candles/lights remind Christian's of?** Children brainstorm/discuss ideas-Jesus the light of the world/hope/stars that guided the 3 Kings to baby Jesus. 3. Children choose their responses.

### How is light used as a symbol in different religions?

1.Powerpoint slides on diva lamps (Hinduism) and the menorah (Judaism)-give information about the symbol of light in other religions.

**2. Can you design your own symbols that reflect your life/interests/faith?**

3. Presentations of own symbols by children to class-explain what the symbols mean and how they have special meanings in their own lives.

## Week 4 and 5. What does the dove and fish symbolise in Christianity?

(CL:Rec ch:1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13. ELG:LAU:1,2,3. S:1,2,3.U+W: Rec ch: 6,7.ELG:PP:3,PCC:2).

1.Whole school worship to tell us more about symbols in Church and in Christianity as a whole.

Children ask and answer questions to find out more information.

2. Listen to Bible stories (Noah's Ark-dove/Creation-Light) that illustrate these symbols-talking partners discuss: **Why the symbols are important to Christians? What do the stain glass windows show us?**

