Water

Play
Water Play - what to do:

Free Play!

Talk about:

What do you use water for each day?

What Bible stories involve water?

Tell the story of Jesus baptism

Why do we use water in baptism?
Cleaning pennies
Cleaning pennies

What:
Cover dirty pennies with salt. Add white vineager & rub. Rinse and polish. What makes them shine?

Talk about:
When you are baptised, you make a new sparkling start, leaving the things that dull your sparkle behind. We need God to renew us and make us clean.

Do you feel like the ‘before’ pennies or the ‘after’ pennies?
Praying for our worldwide family with release international voice of persecuted christians
Danger map and worldwide family

What:
Place the flags on countries where you think it's dangerous to be a Christian.
Check against the list.

Talk about:
In some parts of the world it's very dangerous to publicly announce you're a Christian. Where, do you think?
Baptism Bunting

What:
Write or draw a prayer for the people being baptised today on a bunting triangle.

Talk about:
At baptism we surround the candidates with our prayers. What is your prayer for them?
Anointing oil
Anointing oil

**What:**
Feel the oil in your hands and feel what it feels like to have the sign of the cross on your forehead

**Talk about:**
Why do we use oil in the baptism service?
When else is oil used for anointing?
Sorry prayers
Sorry prayers

Talk about:

Baptism is a way of washing away the past and having a clean start. We need to say sorry for all the things we have messed up. The good news is that God will forgive us! God will renew us and make us clean.

What do you need to say sorry about?
Baptism bracelet or keyring
Baptism bracelet / keyring

What:
Make a bracelet / keyring using one colour of bead for water, one for oil and one for light in repeated patterns

Talk about:
The symbols of baptism: water, oil, light
Asperging
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**What:** Make a bundle of rosemary to use during the service toasperge.

**Talk about:**

Asperges is the name given to sprinkling a congregation with holy water.

What does sprinkling with water symbolise?

How does it feel to be sprinkled with water?
Music!
Singing Zone
Upstairs
Gary Weston Library
Welcome to the Singing Zone
Gary Weston Library
Welcome to the Makaton Signing Zone
Diddy
Disciples
Queen
Elizabeth
Room
Welcome to Diddy Disciples
Queen Elizabeth Room
Godly Play

Upstairs

Chapter Room
Welcome to
Godly Play
Chapter Room
Official Photography and filming in progress

Please pick up and wear a sticker from a steward if you do not wish to be filmed or photographed
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Please sit in this space if you do not wish to be filmed or photographed.
Prayer Labyrinth Guide

- No shoes please!
- Max 3-5 people on the labyrinth at a time
- When you reach the centre, pick up the cross, say a prayer and put it back down for the next person

Thank you!
What’s a labyrinth?

For many hundreds of years - since long before anyone in the room was born - people around the world have used a labyrinth for meditation. When you meditate, you keep your body still, and relaxed. You keep your mind still and relaxed. You keep your feelings relaxed, too. Many people believe meditation helps them open up their minds to new ideas and their hearts to new feelings. It helps them connect to God and to listen to Him.

Now you will have an opportunity to try it yourselves.

One at a time, you will cross the threshold to enter the labyrinth. Then, you will walk along the path slowly until you reach the centre. At the centre, you stay still for a moment and open your heart and open your mind. Maybe pick up the cross and say a prayer. Then you turn around and walk the labyrinth path back from the centre. Follow the whole path, and exit by crossing the threshold.

We want to be mindful when we cross the threshold. This means we are paying attention to what we are doing. When you come into the labyrinth, you might think about what it feels like when you go someplace new. You leave home, and start a journey. When you get baptised, you are starting on a new journey as a Christian.

When you cross the threshold again to come out of the labyrinth, that means your journey is over. Coming out of the labyrinth is like coming home again.
Labyrinth Zone
Toilets
Please look after your belongings
What:

Water is a life saver and can be very helpful but in some parts of the world, it can also be harmful. Take part in our prayer activity to find out more...
christian aid

Video

Tent!
Chill out space

Education Centre

Mothers’ Union
Moulded plasticine
Moulded plasticine

What: Mould the plasticine so it is flat, like a pancake. Put it in the water.

Does it sink or float?

Make a ball shape of plasticine. Put in the water.

Does it sink or float?

Talk about:

What shapes and moulds us?

What makes you sink?

What helps you to stay afloat?
Bubbleology

What:
Can you blow three bubbles, one inside the other?

Talk about:
God as Trinity
Bubbleology
Washing Hands Prayer

What:

When we have things on our consciences, it can feel inside a bit like how having dirty hands feels on the outside.

Put charcoal on your hands.

In baptism God wants to give us a new, clean start.

Wash your hands in the water. Ask God to give you a new, clean start.

Talk about:

How it feels to get rid of layers of dirt
Washing Hands Prayer
Prayer Flowers

**What:**
Write a prayer, fold the flower, drop it onto the water and watch it unfold slowly

**Talk about:**
Prayers for those baptised today
Prayer

Flowers

Flowers

Flowers
Paper doves

What:
Make a 'floating' dove dangling from a stick

Talk about:
The story of Jesus' baptism when the Holy Spirit came down on him 'like a dove'
Paper doves
Baptism panels

What:
Add colour to the panels!

Talk about:
Early Christians carved wonderful symbols on their fonts. They were sometimes 8-sided, to represent the 8th day of the week - a new day of a new creation!
Baptism panels
Candle Making

What:
Make a candle as a reminder that you have the light of Christ in you too

Talk about:
Light is given to each person being baptised: why do you think that is?
Candle Making
Cupcakes

What:
Decorate a cupcake, making waves out of icing or fondant. Make a fondant dove, let it 'hover' over the 'water' on top of the stick, stuck into the cupcake.

Talk about:
The dove appears in several Bible stories - which ones can you think of?
Cupcakes
Cross the Red Sea

Paint blowing
Cross the Red Sea Paint blowing

**What:**
Blow paint between the parted Red Sea to show the path of the Israelites.

**Talk about:**
The people of God passed through water from Egyptian slavery to new life in the Promised Land. In Baptism we are washed in water and enter into a new life with Jesus.
Godparent Cards

What:

Godparents: fill out a Godparent card; renewing commitment to your own godchildren.

Godchildren: make a card to send to your godparent

Talk about:

How godparents and godchildren can support, pray for and love each other.
Godparent
Cards