









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
15	1	2	Worship	Places of Worship	64: The Baptistry

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ☒] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Lord, You renewed us in Baptism and gave us your Spirit; we thank you for this great Gift and ask you for wisdom and strength to preserve this. Amen

Starter: Exchange of ideas: what is going on in Baptism?

Learning objectives:-

To understand the meaning and the blessing of baptism.

To understand the use and symbolism of the baptistry in the Orthodox Church.

Core Activities and Learning

- Teachers spends about 10 minutes discussing the meaning/importance of baptism and its blessing in our lives using the information that follows (following on from the starter task).
- Teacher talks about the Baptism as the mystery of starting anew, of dying to an old way of life and being born again into a new way of life, in Christ. In the Orthodox Church, baptism is "for the remission of sins" and for entrance into the Church; the person being baptised is cleansed of all sins and is united to Christ; through the waters of baptism he or she is mysteriously crucified and buried with Christ, and is raised with him to newness of life, having "put on" Christ (that is, having been clothed in Christ). The cleansing of sins includes the washing away of ancestral sin.
- As the singular symbol of membership in the Orthodox Christian Church, the sacrament of baptism has been of central importance in the Church.
- The baptistry in Orthodox Christian practice is a structure (building) or room in a building wherein people sacramentally become members of the Church of Jesus Christ through the sacrament of baptism.
- The baptistry may be located within the main structure of a church or as a separate structure located adjacent the church. Commonly, the sacrament of baptism for those becoming Orthodox Christians is conducted in the nave of the church, generally in portable pools or fonts. In some churches the font or baptismal pool may be "built-in".
- Teacher is advised to visit the baptistry with the students (if it exists in the church – or at least the font if it does not).

TASK (as a group) – discuss and present the advantages of using a separate baptistry in the church.

(Reference the drawing of baptism in the early church at Pascha – adult-baptism.jpg)

Resources: adult-baptism.jpg

Review: The baptistry is a structure (building) or room in a church wherein people sacramentally become members of the Church of Jesus Christ and all the benefits of salvation through the sacrament of baptism

Follow Up: Research: "Why are children baptised?"