

Power Dressing

You will need

The Baptism of Christ

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Sometimes, clothes tell us something about a person. If we want to show someone is important or powerful, we often give them a hat of some sort.



Activity 1

Design a hat for someone important. Write underneath what important job your person does.

Clothes may tell you how important someone is. They can tell you if someone is rich or poor. They may tell you about the way a person thinks, for we often reflect our attitudes in the way we dress. Look at the following people and write what their clothes tell you about them:

- the figures in the background of the painting
- the man taking off his shirt
- John the Baptist



Activity 2

Read/listen to the story of the baptism of Jesus. Baptism is about being sorry, and starting again.

Look at the painting. Can you find young plants springing up? These are symbols of new life, starting again. Draw one of these plants. Write underneath what it is a symbol of.

Christian Belief

Being baptized as an adult is a public event where the person shows their faith. It involves that person saying sorry for the past and committing himself or herself to change, with God's help, in the future. In this painting, the man taking off his shirt does not care: he just wants to be forgiven. The fully clothed people cling to their importance and their clothes.