

Symbols of Faith

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Learn more about your faith by researching and creating symbols of faith.

For

Young Adult

Season

Spring

Needed

Computer with Internet access, paper and pencil



Activity Plan

1. Brainstorm some symbols of faith and Christianity that you have seen. Write them down.
2. Do an Internet search for “symbols of faith” and “symbols of Christianity”. What did you find and what do they mean? Write down some of your favorites or compile them in a word processing document.
3. Do an Internet search for other types of symbols. Add those to your list.
4. Read these Scripture passages:

Matthew 3:16

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

Genesis 8:8-12

Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

What symbol is represented in these verses? What are the meanings for this symbol?

5. Using the information you’ve gathered, brainstorm some ideas for symbols that might represent *your* faith. Draw or use a computer program to create a symbol and write an explanation for how it shows *your* faith. Post a photo of your symbol and its explanation to **Vibrant Faith @ Home**.