



Title: Weddings in Art	Year: Years 1 and 2	Timing: 2/3 lessons
Links: CPE2 CRP1 CRP2		
<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To know that weddings are an important part of Christian teaching• To be able to understand the concept of a promise and the ring as a symbol of that promise• To find out about some of the features of weddings portrayed in paintings• To think about those aspects of weddings that are important to many people of different faiths and none. <p>Art: (4c) To find out about differences and similarities in the work of artists in different times and cultures</p> <p>Questions for reflection: What is a promise? Why might people make promises in front of others? Why do you think Christians teach that weddings are important? What are the symbols used in most weddings? Why do people wear special clothes for a wedding ceremony?</p>		
<p>Activities and experiences:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Start with the word wedding on a large piece of paper and ask the children what they know about this ceremony. Note down their answers in blue marker and keep the paper for later.2. Read a version of the bible story 'The wedding at Cana', which can be found in the Gospel of John, chapter 2 and verses 1-11. Or you could use 'The Cat's Tale' (pub. Harper Collins 0-5510-2878-5) which is one of the 'Animal Tales' by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen.3. Use the Smartboard to look at enlarged versions of two reproductions of The Wedding at Cana in art. The site www.gardenofpraise.com / images/marri2.jpg will give you a variety. Ask the children a) What can we see? b) In what ways are these paintings the same? c) How does the artist show what s/he thinks is important about this wedding?4. Create your own modern version of the painting and try to include the following things: the bride and groom, witnesses, a priest and a ring.5. Talk about the ring that is a symbol of the couple's promises to love one another. Why are promises important to us, and what happens if they are broken?6. Make friendship bracelets for each other using long coloured pipe cleaners twisted together with coloured beads threaded through at intervals. Why do round or circular things remind us about promises?7. As a plenary activity, retrieve the original piece of paper and ask the children what they have found out about weddings. Add their comments in red. Then let them take time to reflect upon the importance of weddings for Christians and other too. <p>Assessment: If you have made your own version of the 'Wedding at Cana' you can ask the children to say why they have chosen to show the wedding in that way. Alternatively, provide a worksheet with a picture of a wedding in the centre, and ask children why Christians believe that marriage is important.</p>		



