## The Logo

Look at the symbols below. Do they mean anything to you? What do they tell you?







Signs and symbols are used for different reasons. Road signs are used to give warnings or information. Other symbols represent things or locations.

Does your school have a logo or symbol?
Do Scouts have a logo or symbol?
Do Guides have a logo or symbol?
Draw one or more of these logos or symbols.

The United Reformed Church has a logo that looks like this:



## What can you see in it? Why do you think these symbols were chosen?

## Why a Cross?

A reminder of the way in which Jesus died the Roman death penalty death by crucifixion.

A reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus' life – an offering for the wrong things done by all human beings.

An empty cross a reminder of Jesus' resurrection from death to life, at Easter.

As a Protestant and Reformed Church the United Reformed Church particularly stresses Jesus' resurrection and that he is alive!

## Why a Fish?

A simple fish outline was used by the early Christians hiding in the catacombs below Rome as a secret sign for Jesus. If they recognised the the sign they drew in the eye.

The Greek word for fish is ICHTHUS This is how the fish has become a Jesus symbol...

I	JESU	Jesus
CH	CHRISTOS	Christ
TH	THEOU	of God
U	HUIOS	Son
S	SOTER	Saviour

Try making the mark of a fish in a tray of sand on the floor with a stick or your foot (remember that people wore sandals in those days).

Notice how on the United Reformed Church symbol the fish is intertwined with the cross. Now whenever you see this symbol you will know it belongs to the United Reformed Church.

Can you choose a way of making the United Reformed Church symbol? It could be cut out of paper, drawn or painted, made with material, pipe cleaners, art straws or plasticene.

