

Unit overview / Key Question

God: What do people believe about God?

What is the Trinity?

What? Key Knowledge Key Beliefs

Christians believe God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
 Father (creator), Son (God Incarnate), and Holy Spirit (Sustainer)

Christians believe The Father creates; he sends the Son who saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers

Christians find that understanding God is challenging; people spend their whole lives learning more and more about God.

Christians really want to try to understand God better and so try to describe God using symbols, similes and metaphors, in song, story, poems and art.

Christians worship God as Trinity. It is a huge idea to grasp and Christians have created art to help to express this belief.

Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God's power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus.

Prior Knowledge

Recall prior learning about prayer: see Unit 1.1 God — introducing four types of prayer.

Symbols, texts and key Festivals

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS BY JOHN THE BAPTIST: MATTHEW 3:11-17

dove symbolism can depict the Holy Spirit...when Jesus was baptised, the heavens opened, God spoke and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove



There are many representations of the trinity - sometimes God the Father isn't always depicted though might be present as a bright shining light. Jesus might be represented by the cross. Others there are representation of three distinct people

Paintings of the Baptism (for example, by Verrocchio and Daniel Bonnell)



THE GRACE: 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

What? Key vocabulary

Trinity	Father (creator), Son (God incarnate) Holy Spirit (Sustainer)
Father	The Creator, part of the Trinity
Son	God Incarnate, part of the Trinity
Holy Spirit	The Sustainer, part of the Trinity. Sometimes represented as a dove
Water Baptism	Christian religious rite of sprinkling water on to a person's forehead or of immersing them in water, symbolizing purification or regeneration and admission to the Christian Church. The water can be a symbol of divine life as well as a sign of purity and cleansing from sin.
The Grace	This is a different kind of prayer; it is not addressed to God but offers a 'blessing' to people.
Believers baptism	<b>Believer's baptism</b> is when a person who is to be baptised is already a Christian and, therefore, older than at infant baptism.
Infant baptism	<b>Infant baptism</b> is the practice of baptising infants or young children.