

Understanding Christianity Incarnation | RE | Years 3 & 4 | Autumn 2 2023

Key Question		Key Vocabulary		
What is the Trinity?		1	Messiah	A saviour sent by God to the aid of His people
Key Concepts		2	Prophet	Someone who prophesises often an outsider making pronouncements and judgements about how the Jews were living
The Trinity	Christians believe that God is Trinity: God is three in one- God the Creator and Father, the Son and Saviour and the Holy Spirit and comforter. God is the same throughout. Christianity is distinctive to other religions because of belief in the Trinity.	3	Prophecy	Foretelling of the future
Incarnation	The prophecies in Isaiah tell of a baby who would be called 'God with us'. This follows the idea that Jesus is actually God incarnate (i.e. in human form) and is what Christians believe.	4	Incarnation	God in human form
Key People		5	The Gospels	Eye-witness accounts of the people who lived and spoke with Jesus
Jesus Christ	The Messiah, the 'anointed one', God incarnate	6	God the Father	The God who created the earth and all within it
Matthew	Disciple of Jesus and author of one of the Gospels of the New Testament	7	God the Son	Jesus, God's chosen son
Mark	Disciple of Jesus and author of one of the Gospels of the New Testament	8	God the Holy Spirit	God's spirit, sent to guide in our daily lives
Luke	Disciple of Jesus and author of one of the Gospels of the New Testament	9	Baptism	When Christians enter into the Christian community by taking part in the ceremony of Baptism: the pouring of water and symbolism of burying their past life and starting afresh
John	Disciple of Jesus and author of one of the Gospels of the New Testament	Key Bible Passages		
John the Baptist	A prophet who predicted the coming of Christ the Messiah	Mathew 3.11-17		Prophecises about the coming of the Messiah & account of Jesus' baptism
		Mark 1.9-11 Luke 3.21-22		Account of Jesus' baptism

Sessions and Key Learning

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1	What do I understand about the events that lead to the baptism of Jesus?	Using pictures and painting of the baptism of Jesus, children to discuss: Can we see evidence of this belief in the pictures? Class discussion and collection of ideas. Children to make their own pictures of the baptism of Jesus using their own symbols for the voice of God and the Holy Spirit.
2	How do Christians explain the concept of the Trinity?	Using the Kenning resource and class discussion, children to order the poetic statements which describe God as the Trinity. Challenge: children to make up their own versions.
3	What is the importance of the Trinity in a Christian Baptism?	Sorting activity relating to infant and adult baptisms. Discussion relating to similarities and differences between the baptism of a baby and an adult. Challenge: selecting cards that could be used to describe Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3:11-17.
4	How can God be three things in one?	Discussion of the Trinity using metaphors. Children to weave a trinity rope/friendship bracelet: discuss significant of the weaving and its metaphorical meaning. Collect thoughts of the class.
5	What is the Trinity?	Revisit Key Question and in pairs children design a poster to explain their understanding of the Trinity. Share and present ideas to the class.