

Unit Title: L2.3 What is the 'Trinity' and why is it important for Christians?

Vocabulary

Bible	The sacred text for Christians
Incarnation	The belief that God became a man in the form of Jesus Christ, the son of God.
God	The belief of a creator who is the <u>ruler</u> of the universe and the supreme being.
Messiah	The 'Promised one' or 'Chosen one.'
Gospel	The books in the Bible telling the story of Jesus.
Trinity	The belief that God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Salvation	Saving human beings from sin and its consequences.
Saviour	One that saves from danger or destruction.
Baptism	Christian ritual of pouring water on a person's head to symbolise their entry into the Christian faith.
Symbolism	The use of pictures or marks to represent ideas.
Jesus	The man believed to be the son of God on Earth.

The 'Big idea' about God

Christians believe in God as the creator and sustainer of the world who is revealed to people through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God and is at work in the world through the Holy Spirit. God is understood as **Trinity: Three in one**; Father, Son and Holy Spirit in perfect relationship with each other.

By the end of this Unit I will.....

Make sense of belief:

- Recognise what a 'Gospel' is and give an example of the kinds of stories it contains.
- Offer suggestions about what texts about baptism and Trinity mean.
- Give examples of what these texts mean to some Christians today.

Understand the impact:

- Describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in worship in different ways (in baptism and prayer, for example) and in the way they live.

Make connections:

- Make links between some Bible texts studied and the idea of God in Christianity, expressing clearly some ideas of their own about what Christians believe God is like.

Information that will help me

- Jesus was Jewish and Christians believe that Jesus is God in the flesh.
- They believe that his birth, life, death and resurrection were part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God.
- The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' — a messiah. Some texts talk about what this 'messiah' would be like.
- Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah. (Jewish people do not think Jesus is the Messiah).
- Christians see Jesus as their Saviour.

The Gospels

The four gospels that we find in the New Testament, are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They tell the story of Jesus's life - what happened to him, what he stood for and what he did, including stories of his miracles and healings. Gospel means 'Good News'. They were started 40 years after the death of Jesus and each show Jesus in a different way.

