

# WHAT IS THE TRINITY?



Christians believe there is **one God**, who is **Father, Son and Holy Spirit**.

The Trinity is a way of describing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

**God the Father** God is described as God the Father because we believe that God is the creator of everything and Lord over all the universe.

**God the Son** refers to how we believe that God chose to come to earth as a human being in the form of Jesus, the son of Mary - **INCARNATION**

**God the Holy Spirit** God the Holy Spirit refers to the power of God in our daily lives.

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

**Baptism** is a rite or ceremony performed by most Christian churches. It is done as a cleansing symbol. It shows that the person being baptised has become a follower of Jesus. It can represent the joining of the Christian family.



**John the Baptist** was a preacher who baptised people. He called people to turn to God and prepare for the coming of the **Messiah (Jesus)**. He baptised Jesus in the River Jordan. People would go to him so that he would put them in the water to show that they had turned away from their sins, so they they could get into heaven.

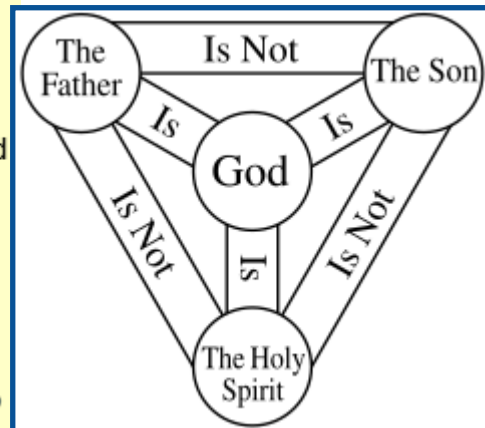


Christians believe the **Holy Spirit** is God's power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus.

## Key Disciplinary Skills

**Empathise**—be able to see the world through the eyes of others.

**Apply**— to use RE learning in new situations.



## Key Vocabulary

**Baptism**—a ceremony that commits someone to living as a Christian.

**Trinity**— Christians believe there are three parts to God. God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit and this is the trinity.

**Messiah**—this is the title given to the saviour of humankind. For Christians, Jesus is the Messiah.

**Gospel**—the word means 'good news' . There are 4 gospels in the Bible and they tell us about the life of Jesus.

**Incarnation**— the word means 'made flesh' . It is the Christian belief that God became a man in the person of Jesus.

**Holy Spirit**— this becomes part of someone when they become a Christian and is a comforter, teacher and friend to them.

## Key Outcomes:

I can describe how Christians show their beliefs about the trinity

I can offer suggestions about what stories about baptism and the trinity mean.

I can make links between Bible texts studied and the idea of God in Christianity.