

**PRIOR KNOWLEDGE:**

Christians believe God is Trinity:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- 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.

**KEY VOCABULARY:**

Water  
Three  
Baptism  
Trinity  
Gospel  
Symbolism

**What is the Trinity?**

Year 3  
Autumn 2

**The Holy Trinity****The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity:**

There is one God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Enquiry Focus:**

1. What is the symbolism of water?
- What is baptism and what is its symbolism
2. What is the Trinity?
3. Explore the Bible to find clues about the birth of Christ
4. What should a truly Christian Christmas card look like?
5. What is the impact of Jesus?

**CONTEXT:**

Thinking about the symbolism of water: Do this with actual water, in buckets etc. In groups pupils talk about times when water is: cleansing, refreshing, life-giving, beautiful, dangerous, still, flowing, powerful, reflective like a mirror, thirst-quenching.

**STICKY KNOWLEDGE:**

Identify the difference between a 'Gospel', which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus, and a letter.

Understand what the Trinity means.

Understand why Christians are Baptized.

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

**SKILLS:**

Read Biblical texts  
Compare stories in the Bible.