

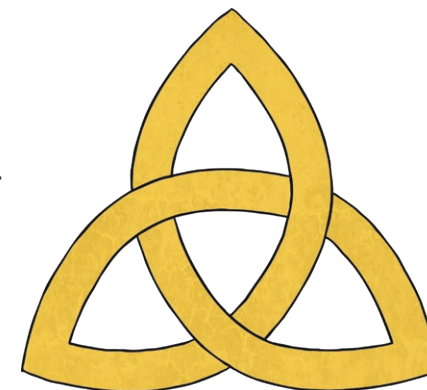
Key Vocabulary

God the Father	Christians believe God is the father and creator of all things.
God the Son	Christians believe that Jesus is a part of God: he is God's son.
God the Holy Spirit	The part of God that lives inside of people when they become Christians.
Holy Trinity	The union of the three parts of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
saint	Someone who is recognised as having an exceptional degree of holiness or closeness to God.
shamrock	A clover-like plant with three leaves.
incarnation	The earthly form of a god or spirit.
prophecy	A prediction of what will happen in the future.
Gospel	Four books of the Bible found at the start of the New Testament. They tell the stories of Jesus' life.

The Holy Trinity

Christians believe that no matter what name they have for God, He exists as a union of three parts in one. For Christians, God exists as **God the Father**, **God the Son** and **God the Holy Spirit**.

This is called the **Holy Trinity**.



Incarnation of Jesus

Christians believe that God sent one part of the Holy Trinity to Earth. God became incarnate as Jesus Christ.

The incarnation of Jesus is mentioned many times in the Bible and was given as a prophecy in the Old Testament.

Jesus was born as a baby to Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem.

The Bible teaches Christians that when Jesus grew up, he set an example for how others should live.

Shamrock

Saint Patrick used the shamrock to represent the Holy Trinity because the Holy Trinity is God as a union of three parts in one and the shamrock has three leaves on one stem. The three leaves are connected in unity by one stem.

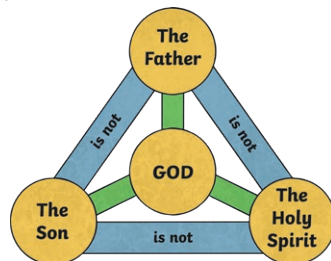


God the Father

Christians believe God created the universe and everything in it. Calling Him God the Father is a way of showing great respect and recognises the power of God.

God the Father is the part of the Holy Trinity which shows His absolute holiness and goodness as well as His care for all people on Earth.

He made a plan for people's lives and Christians rely on Him for love, support and guidance.



God the Holy Spirit

God the Holy Spirit is probably the most difficult part of the Trinity to understand.

The Holy Spirit is the part of God that is living inside of Christians and is God's power at work on Earth.

Christians believe that when they welcome God into their lives, the Holy Spirit guides them and reveals God's nature to them.

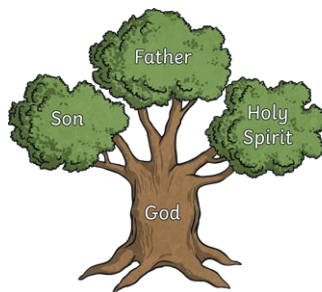
They believe they can receive gifts from the Holy Spirit such as peace, goodness and self-control. These allow them to act in the way that God wants them to.

God the Son

For Christians, God the Son is God in human form. This is called incarnation: part of God became human when Jesus came to Earth.

He came to Earth to show people how to live a life that pleased God and to tell people of God's love. Jesus was sacrificed on the cross to say sorry for all of the sins humans have committed.

Christians look to Jesus for forgiveness when they do things wrong. They know that he is full of kindness and grace and wants to have a relationship with all people.



Descriptions of the Holy Spirit in the Bible

Flames	Dove	Wind
At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit appeared as flames above the disciples' heads. It enabled them to speak in different languages to tell people about God.	At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove above the water. This showed people that God was happy with Jesus and his work.	In the story of creation, the Holy Spirit is described as being a wind hovering above the water at the beginning of time.
		