

RE Lower Key Stage 2 - What is the Trinity? Becky Fisher 2020

Session 4 and 5 Symbols, Icons and pictures

*Christians believe that God is Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They use the Bible to understand what God is like. They read **the Gospels** to find out what Jesus is like. Because God is a mystery Christians use art, music and symbols to try to explain their understanding of God.*

Use the pictures below to try and understand more about the Trinity



This is an icon, or prayer painting by Rublev using precious paint including gold. It shows the Trinity and was painted after 1430.

Q How does this picture show what Christians believe?

A: There are three people, they all have the same face and look as though they have wings. The Father is on the left, the Son in the middle and the Holy Spirit on the right.

The Father is dressed in gold representing heaven. He has a building behind him reminding us that he is the Creator who is preparing a house in heaven for everyone who believes in him.

The Son is dressed in brown, a symbol that he came to earth, and blue the colour of sky. He has the tree of life behind him which also reminds us that he died on a tree (cross).

The Holy Spirit is dressed in blue covered with a thin gauze of green, the colours of heaven and earth. There is a mountain behind which represents faith.

The table is like an altar and has a golden cup or chalice on it and is a symbol of sacrifice.

Now try to explain these:



A stained glass window

Jesus is on the left holding a cross.

The Holy Spirit is in the middle as a dove

The Father is like a king holding an orb.



Another stained glass window

Jesus is the lamb

The Father is the hand, some times called Abba or YHWH

The Holy Spirit is the dove with flames



This is a more modern picture

God the Father is the green hand on the blue background – showing the Creator.

Jesus is represented by the red cross on the yellow background.

The Holy Spirit is the dove on the red background.

The circle is the symbol of eternity.



A simple design with three overlapping circles.

The Crown is God the Father/King.

The cross is Jesus

The Dove is the Holy Spirit



This is a Celtic design of the Trinity. Triangular in shape with a never ending interlocked ribbon.

Session 5

Now it is time for you to design a representation of the Trinity.

Take time to plan a picture showing the Trinity

Make your picture as big and bold as you possibly can.

Use paints or felt pens if you have them.

Make sure that anyone who looks at your design can understand which is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.