

RE Lower Key Stage 2 - What is the Trinity?

Welcome! If you have never taught RE before and feel as though you don't know anything don't worry. This is a journey we can take together step by step and it will be an interesting one for us all. I promise we will enjoy our time together.

It might help if you have a Bible – don't worry if you don't I will include all the relevant passages in the notes.

Questions you need to ask children are in **red**

Answers children might suggest are in **blue**.

Give lots of time to come up with answers and record them in your RE book, take lots of photos too.

Key sentences are highlighted in green

Session 1 - How can one thing be three things?

Props: We'll be using water today so fill a small bowl with some cold water and gather round it. Touch it and play with it gently while you ask

Q: Tell me all the words you can think of associated with water.

A: Wet, swirling, cool, clear, refreshing, cleansing, dripping, rain, rivers, seas, waves, like a mirror) Maybe you could take a photo and put the words all around it.

Q: What do we use water for?

A: washing clothes, showering and bathing, cleaning teeth, drinking, washing hands, swimming, watering the garden.

Christians also use water for Baptism

Brilliant well done everyone! Now for a bit of science!

You know that water can be in three different forms. Take a trip to the freezer and find some ice, this water is a solid. Boil a kettle together and watch the steam form. This water is a gas. Water can be three things solid/ice, liquid/water and gas/steam.

Christians believe that God has three ways of showing himself.

God – who we also call Father or Creator

Son – who we also call Jesus, who lived on earth as a human being

Holy Spirit – who we also call Comforter or Life Giver (often shown as a dove)

Key Text Matthew Chapter 3 verses 1 and 2, 13 -16

(Matthew is one of the four Gospel books in the Bible which tell the story of Jesus' life. The small numbers in the text are the verse numbers)

At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. ² "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the Kingdom of heaven is near!"

¹³ At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you," John said, "and yet you have come to me!"

¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. ¹⁷ Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased."

Read through the bible reading together, then look at the picture below and talk about what is happening.

Can you see Jesus/Son, the Holy Spirit/Dove? (The other person is John the Baptist)

We can't see God but you could write the words he says.

