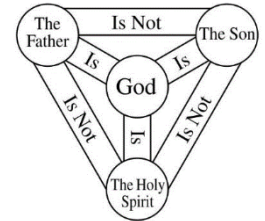


Vocabulary –

Trinity	The state of being three. Here, God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Father	First person of The Trinity. God the Creator of the Universe and all in it.
Son	Second person of the Trinity. Jesus, God in human flesh.
Holy Spirit	Thurs person in the Trinity. God in the form of an unseen power. Part of God that lives in Christians.
The Grace	Short prayer used as a blessing to those that hear it. Often spoken in Church at the end of a service.
Baptism	Religious rite of sprinkling water onto a person's forehead or immersing them in water. Welcoming a person into the Christian church.
Blessing	Form of prayer, asking for God's favour and protection.
Immersion	Putting someone completely under the surface of the water.

The Trinity: The Christian belief that there is One God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Father	Son	Holy Spirit
God is described as God the Father because Christians believe that God is the creator of everything and Lord over all the universe.	God the Son refers to how Christians 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 refers to the power of God in the daily lives of Christians. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in the world today, at work amongst his people.



The Holy Spirit is represented in the Christian Church through different symbols.



A dove- When Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan, a dove appeared. The dove was a physical sign of God's presence. It also represents God bringing peace to mankind through Jesus.



Wind- When the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples, it arrived with a great wind rushing through the room.



Cloud- A cloud combined with light is often used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit because clouds provide life-giving water and they represent God who is hidden from sight, but always there.



Fire- When the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit, flames appeared on their head as a sign they were filled with the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit. This energy would help them in the work ahead, teaching others about Jesus and encouraging more followers.



Anointing Oil- In the Bible, oil is used to anoint people rather like a blessing. It represents Jesus being given the Holy Spirit to perform certain actions in God's name, like healing people and doing good deeds.



Water- Water is used as a symbol of cleansing and as a source of power. Water is used in baptism and is vital for all life. Some Christians believe that the water in baptism represents the receiving of the Holy Spirit and that it has a life-giving quality.

Artwork depicting the baptism of Jesus. Look out for symbolism.

The Baptism of Jesus

John the Baptist devoted his life to encouraging people to repent their sins and prepare them for the coming of the Messiah (The Lord). Jesus visited the river Jordan to be baptised by John.



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