

Key Vocabulary and Definitions			
<b>Baptism</b>	Religious rite of sprinkling water onto a person's forehead or immersing them in water. Welcoming a person into the Christian Church.	<b>Prayer</b>	Spiritual communication between man and God. Talking to God. Giving thanks and asking for help.
<b>Blessing</b>	Form of prayer, asking for God's favour and protection.	<b>Priest/Minister</b>	Person authorised by the Church to perform functions such as teaching beliefs and leading services, including baptisms.
<b>Immersion</b>	Putting someone completely under the surface of the water.	<b>Son</b>	Second person of the Trinity. Jesus, God in human flesh.
<b>Father</b>	First person of The Trinity. God the Creator of the Universe and all in it.	<b>Symbol</b>	Mark or picture representing something else, e.g. the dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
<b>The Grace</b>	Short prayer used as a blessing to those that hear it. Often spoken in Church at the end of a service.	<b>Trinity</b>	The state of being three. Here, God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
<b>Holy Spirit</b>	Third person of the Trinity. God in the form of an unseen power. Part of God that lives in Christians.	<b>Worship</b>	Ways for people to show how much God is worth to them.

What should I already know?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem.</li> <li>The Bible points out that his birth showed he was extraordinary and that he came to bring good news.</li> <li>Christians celebrate Jesus' birth and Advent for Christians is a time for getting ready for Jesus' coming.</li> </ul>

What will I know about The Trinity?	
<b>The Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christians believe God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God in three parts or three in one.</li> <li>Christians believe The Father creates; He sends the Son who saves His people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to His followers.</li> <li>Christians spend their whole lives learning more and more about God.</li> <li>Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God's power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus.</li> </ul>
<b>Baptism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus was baptised in a river by his cousin John.</li> <li>At the very start of Jesus' public life, the Trinity is pictured in the story of Jesus' baptism: the voice of God announces Jesus as the Son of God and the Holy Spirit is present in the form of a dove.</li> <li>Christians believe that one important thing the story teaches is that Jesus is not just a good man, but God, come to Earth to rescue humanity.</li> <li>Christians try to follow Jesus' example by being baptised themselves.</li> <li>Babies are usually baptised by water being sprinkled onto their forehead.</li> <li>Adults are often baptised by total immersion.</li> <li>Christians are baptised in the name of The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</li> <li>Baptism welcomes people into the Church family and is a way for people to declare their faith in Jesus Christ.</li> </ul>
<b>Worship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christians worship God as The Trinity.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>They use a special prayer called The Grace to bless one another. This prayer refers to The Trinity and comes from words in a letter in the Bible.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Bible Texts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Matthew 3:11-17 (Jesus' Baptism)</b></li> <li><b>2 Corinthians 13:14 (The Grace)</b></li> </ul>