

The Holy Trinity

This is the belief that there is One God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God as the Father	God is the creator of the universe, the father of Jesus and the loving father of all people.
God as the Son	God has always existed but he became human for some time in the form of Jesus. This shows the human, loving side of God.
God as the Holy spirit	The Holy Spirit is the power of God in the world. It can take any form and is the giver of life. The Holy Spirit lives in people who believe in God. It brings people to God, comforts people and shows people when they are wrong.

The Big Story

Creation	God created everything that exists, visible and invisible, on the earth, in the earth, in the heavens and in outer space. As part of this, God created man and woman in his image – Adam and Eve.
Fall	Eve was tempted by Satan and ate the forbidden fruit. She also gave this forbidden food to man. Their loving relationship was now tainted with guilt and shame. They hid from each other and hid from God because they were afraid of their loving creator. This is called the 'spiritual death'. God promised a saviour who would come to defeat Satan.
Salvation	God created Jesus, his son. Jesus Christ was God clothed in human flesh, so that he could live a sinless life, shed his blood for the sins of all men, and rise from the dead and go back to heaven to be our Intercessor. Christ's death paid the price for the sins of mankind.
New creation	Creation is restored. God decides he will not throw away his creation but instead renew it.

The Bible

The work and teachings of Jesus are written in a book called The Holy Bible. It also contains stories about Jewish people and the first Christians. The Bible provides rules for living; the most important are the Ten Commandments. Christians will use The Bible in church and at home. They will read passages from both the Old and New Testaments. Christians unite themselves in the house of God and may use the bible to complete prayer, meditation, Bible study and sing hymns. The Old Testament contains psalms which is a book containing songs of praise and worship. In church, Christians may read different psalms as they pray.

Key vocabulary:

crucifixion	Killing somebody by fastening them to a wooden cross and leaving them there to die.
parables	A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.
resurrection	Rising from the dead.
sacrifice	Christ's offering of himself in the Crucifixion.
Catholic	A person who is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, the branch of the church that has the pope as its leader.
Protestant church	The part of the Western Christian Church that separated from the Roman Catholic Church in the 16 th century.
Orthodox church	The branch of the Church that separated from the Catholic Church about 1000 years ago. It includes the Roman and Greek churches.
Eucharist/Holy Communion	A church service in which people eat a little bread and drink some wine to remember Jesus. The bread stands for the body and the wine stands for his blood.

The Last Supper

The Last Supper is the final meal that, in the Gospel accounts, Jesus shared with his apostles in Jerusalem before his crucifixion. During the meal Jesus predicts his betrayal by one of the apostles present, and foretells that before the next morning, Peter will thrice deny knowing him. This is remembered by different denominations of Christianity. The Catholic Church will celebrate this Holy Communion/Eucharist daily. In the Protestant church it is seen as a memorial of Christ's death.