



Discovery RE Knowledge Organiser



This knowledge organiser is a guide, offering key information to point the teacher in the right direction as to the beliefs underpinning the particular enquiry. The summaries must not be taken as the beliefs of ALL members of the particular religion.

Religion /Worldview: Christianity	Enquiry Question: Does belief in the Trinity help Christians make better sense of God as a whole?	Age: 9/10 Year Group: 5 Optional
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This enquiry investigates the Christian belief in the Trinity and the impact this would have on a believer.

Core Knowledge (see also background information documents)		Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection / resonance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trinity is the complete relationship between God (the Father), Jesus (his son) and the Holy Spirit The three are “consubstantial”, which means that they exist separately and together as one. This is called a “mystery” as well as a belief because it is not easily understood by humans that 3 “persons” can be 1 person. Christians believe that although there are three persons within the Trinity, there is only one God who is all 3 persons. The greatest aspect of this enquiry is to ensure the children understand that Christians believe this is not 3 Gods co-existing together to appear in different ways, but only one God. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incarnation: God becoming man or literally being “made flesh” so Jesus was God incarnate. Gifts of the Spirit: Many Christians will choose to be confirmed (received into the Church as an adult) and in this ceremony, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are prayed for. The gifts are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do I have in myself that others can easily recognise and other parts of me which are more hidden (spiritual)? Does it help me to understand that other people may have other aspects to their personality or nature that I might not see? Would I understand that person better if I knew these aspects?
Key Terms and definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life	Spiral curriculum link
<p>Trinity: complete relationship between God (the Father), Jesus (his son) and the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Monotheism: Belief in one God only</p> <p>Creed: a statement of belief usually recited by believers during services in a church.</p>	Throughout the history of the Bible, reference is made to the 3 persons of the Trinity and Jesus himself uses the phrase “Father, Son and Holy Spirit” in Matthew 28: 18-20	<p>The “Sign of the Cross” is used by ministers to confer the blessing of the Trinity, and it is also used personally by some denominations such as Roman Catholics, to bless themselves. (Some footballers and other sportspeople do this before an event so the children may be aware of it.)</p> <p>Christians may pray to all or any person of the Trinity depending on how they understand that role of God. e.g. they may pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire or touch lives or heal.</p>	Can be linked to the Baptism of Christ by John the Baptist in which all 3 members of the Trinity are present: God the Father speaks, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove onto Jesus in the water. (Cited in the Yr 4 Optional enquiry on the 4 Gospels).

Home learning ideas/questions:
Do we feel we know each other really well? Do we have any parts of our nature or personality that we would like to share that we feel others do not know or understand?