



## Session 5

L.O: To understand how Christians use metaphors and art to explain God as three in one.



Can you think of a metaphor to explain the  
Trinity (3 in 1)?

Some ideas: egg      tree      candle

Jot down your ideas - you may want them later  
for your activity.

Christians think God is mysterious and they don't expect to 'get' God completely, but they show their beliefs in their songs, paintings and stained glass windows.

The following slides show their beliefs that God is the Trinity, God is the Creator, Rescuer (Jesus the Saviour) and the Presence in all life today (the Holy Spirit).



# God the Trinity

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

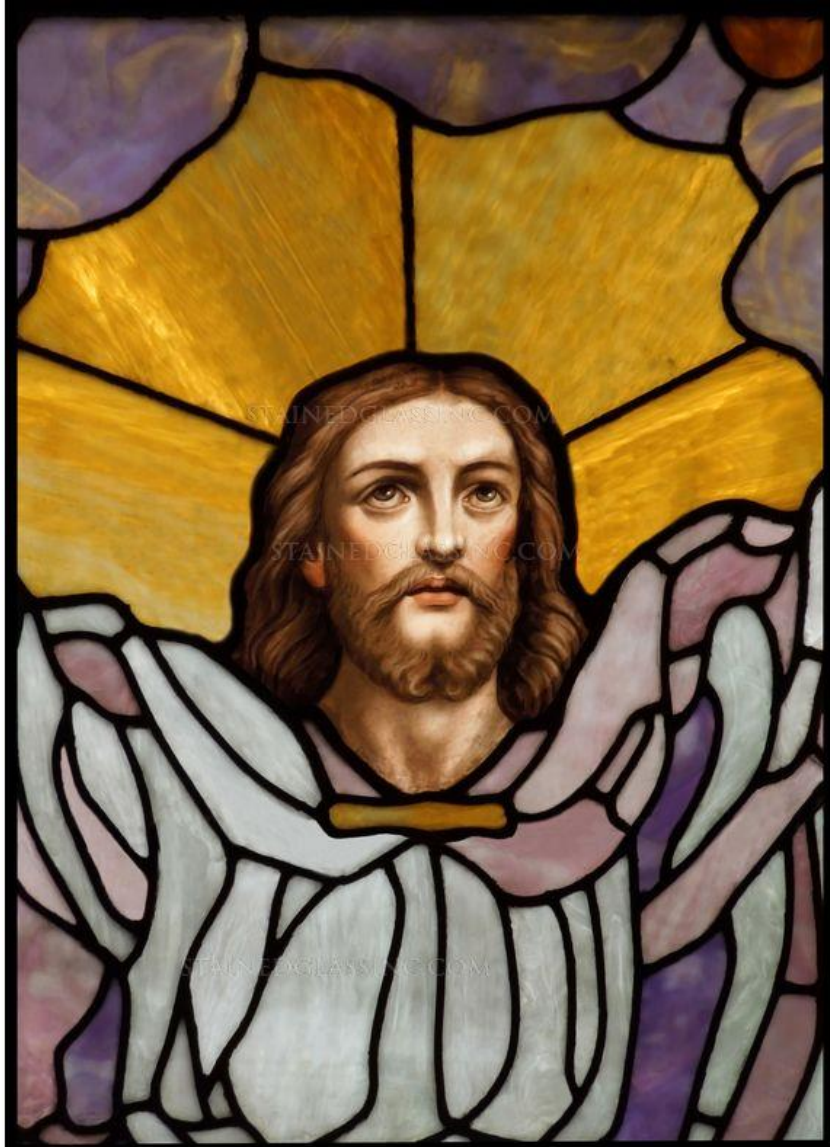


# God the Creator

In the beginning God created the  
heavens and the earth Genesis 1:1

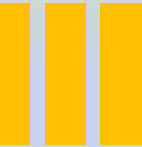






# God the rescuer

Jesus the Saviour



Presence in  
all life today.

The Holy Spirit







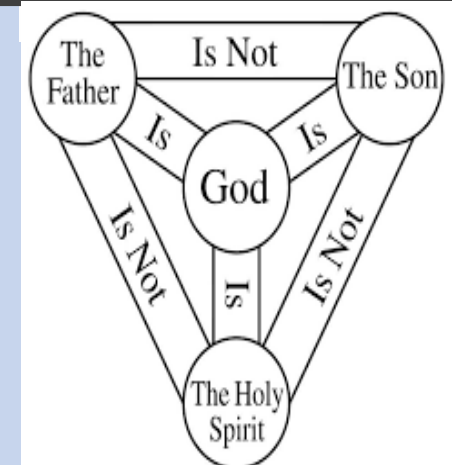
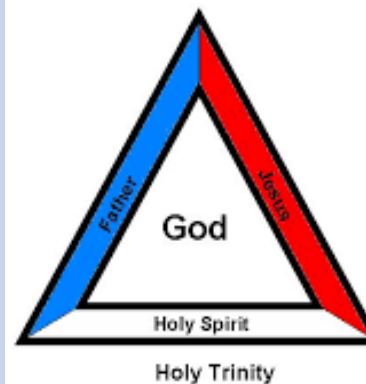
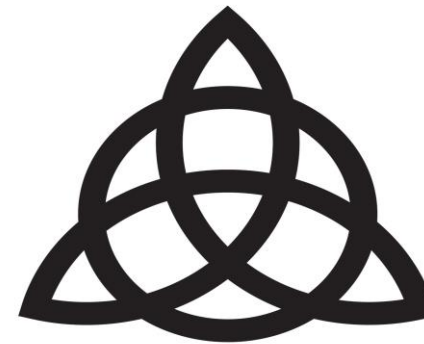
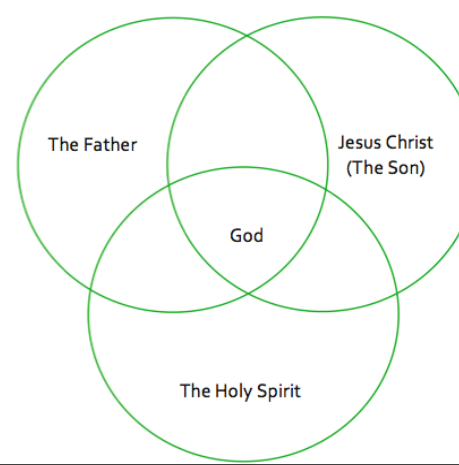
Look at these images of the Trinity. Which one do you think shows the Trinity the best?



I want you to think about the idea of God.  
Do you find it mysterious?  
I wonder what questions you might have -  
maybe write some down and discuss with  
someone in your household.

Do you think only Christians can  
understand the idea of God as Trinity, or  
do you think people who don't believe or  
are from other faiths can understand it  
too?

Here are some diagrams and symbols that try to explain the Trinity.





# How can you see God as three in one?



Water frozen as ice

## Water



Water as  
steam



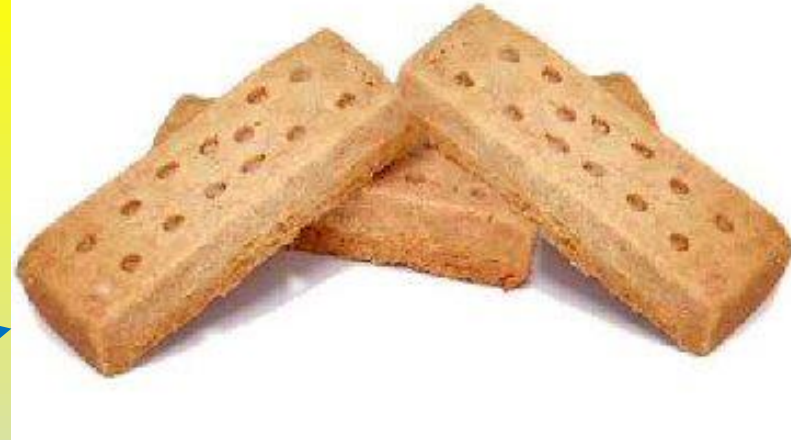
Liquid water

All three are the same, but different. Some Christians explain the Trinity like this. What do you think about this idea of God?

How would you explain the idea of God as three in one to a reception age child?



caramel



biscuit



chocolate



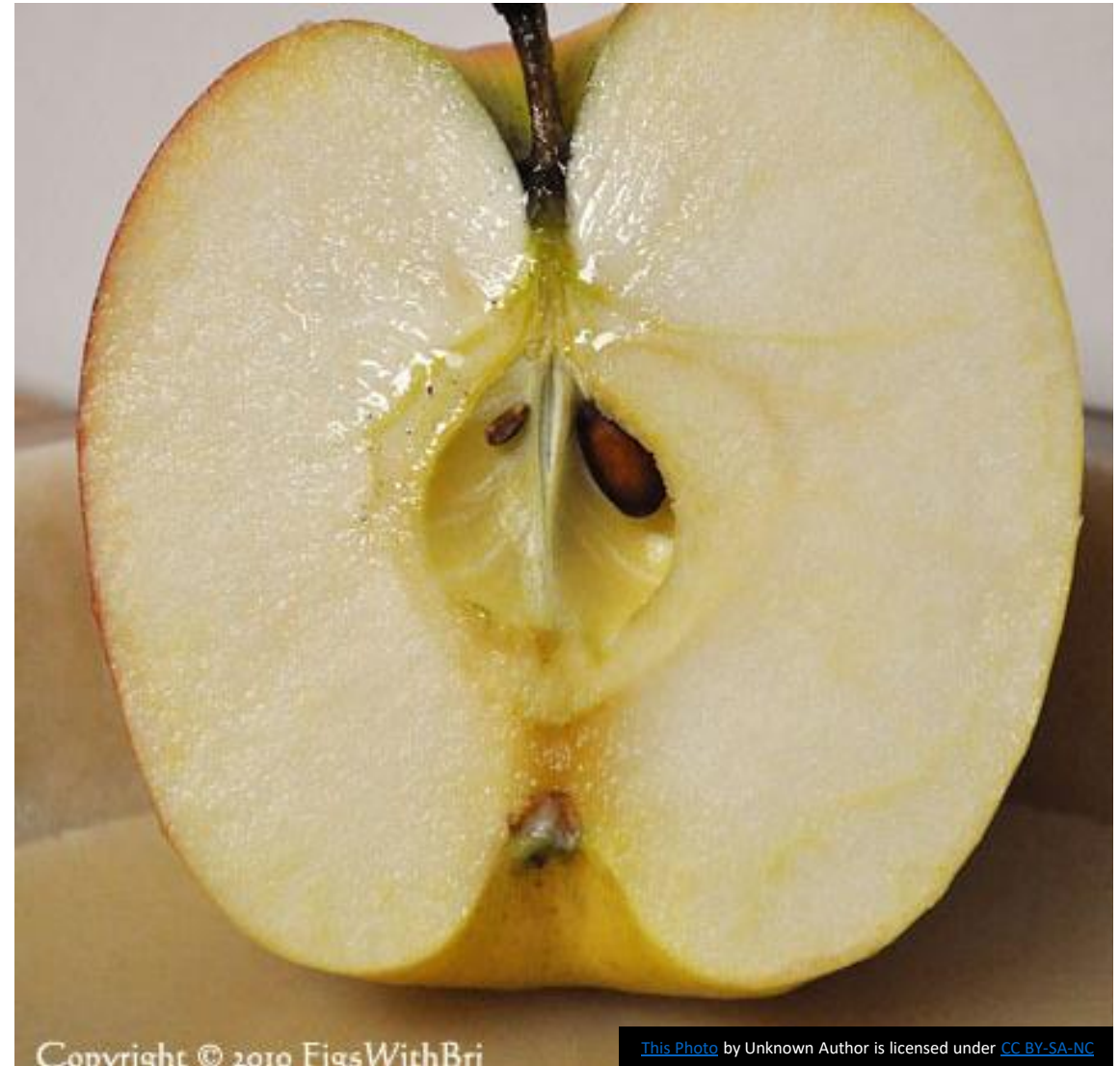


The apple can help explain the Trinity to an older child. It has 3 parts, the skin, flesh and seeds.

Christians would say the skin is like God the Father, because He protects us.

The flesh is like God the Son, because Jesus Christ took on human flesh.

The seeds are like God the Holy Spirit, because He helps us to grow. Each of the parts of an apple is different, but they are all 'apple.'



## R.E challenges:

Now it's your turn! Try to explain the Trinity to a younger child by creating a picture using a metaphor to explain the Trinity. Remember the apple, twix and water?

Challenge 1 : Create a picture of Twix/apple/water metaphor to explain the 3 parts of the Trinity to a younger child.

Challenge 2: Create a picture of Twix/apple/water metaphor to explain the 3 parts of the Trinity to a younger child and write a few sentences to explain your metaphor.

Challenge 3: Create a picture using another metaphor (eg egg, tree or candle).

Then write a few sentences explaining your artwork and how it explains the Trinity.