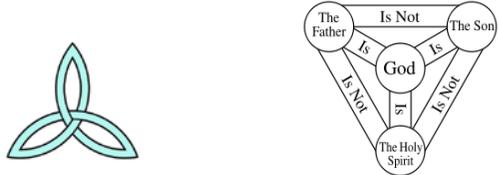


DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

TERM 6/YEAR 1 /TRINITY/WEEK 6

SEAL link – New beginnings

Values link – Agape (love)

GATHER	ENGAGE	RESPOND	SEND
<p>Leader: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Response: Amen</p> <p>Eternal God, source of all blessing, help us to worship you with all our heart and mind and strength; for you alone are God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen</p>	<p>SYMBOLS OF THE TRINITY (whole school) II Corinthians 13 v 14 Use a search engine to find and display a variety of symbols for The Holy Trinity. A simple depiction of a Triune Knot is a useful starting place. Ask the participants what they can see and what they think the symbol means. (The Celtic knot has no beginning or end. It keeps on going, symbolizing the continuance of life after death.) Draw a simple Triune knot on a flip chart or equivalent device. It also symbolizes the Trinity. The Trinity means one God in 3 persons 1, Father, 2. Son 3. Holy Spirit another way of expressing this belief is</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>How can God be 3 things if He is one? Show a hard-boiled egg. It is just one egg but it has 3 parts, the shell, egg white, the yolk. None of the parts exist on their own, they are all part of the egg.</p> <p>EXPLORING THE TRINITY (whole school) Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14 Yesterday we looked at two symbols to show the meaning of the Trinity. Did anyone think of any other visual ways that we could describe 3 in one? Take and examine answers. The Bible tells us that there is only one God Deuteronomy 6:4 (read) and in the three passages suggested we read about the parts of God. Explore the pictures and ideas contained in these readings.</p>	<p>Sing together: Father, we adore you. Jesus we adore you. Spirit we adore you.</p> <p>We are going to say The Lord's prayer together. As we do so, think about the 3 persons of God and where they are mentioned in the prayer.</p>	<p>Can you think of any other ways of describing 3 in one?</p> <p>May the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be on us and our families this day and for evermore.</p>

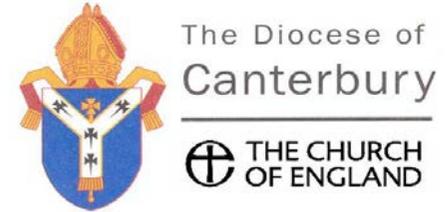


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<p>Use images created to portray the Trinity for pupils to think about – add some questions or comments to add to their thinking</p>	<p>EXPLORING THE TRINITY (whole school) Philippians 4 v 5 - 11 You will need: A Kettle, a jug of water, an ice-cube tray, a glass. Pour some water into the kettle and switch the kettle on. Wait till there is some steam visible, then ask the children where the steam comes from. Talk about water turning to steam. Note: Please observe all normal safety regulations during this activity. Children should be well away from the kettle and the kettle should be on a tray with a raised edge so that water will not splash. It would be preferable to use a stable wide-bottomed kettle. Pour some water into the ice-cube tray and tell the children you are going to put it in the freezer. Ask them what will happen to the water. Talk about ice. Pour the remaining water into the glass. Talk about water and ask the children how it is different from steam and ice. Water comes in three forms – a gas we call steam, a solid we call ice and a liquid we call water. They are all different but they are all water. Trinity Sunday is when Christians remember a belief that is very important to them. Christians believe in one God but they believe God is made up of three people – God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Just as water comes in three forms so Christians believe God can be met in three different forms; they are different ways of experiencing the same God. Each has a special job: God the Father is the maker of the world, God the Son (Jesus) is God who came down to earth, God the Holy spirit is God with us now or God the helper. This is a very difficult belief to understand but it is an important one for Christians. They believe that Jesus is also God, so when they pray to God they know he understands about being human because he has experienced it. It helps if someone has experienced the same things that you have, then they understand what you are going through. Christians believe that God does understand. He knows what it feels like to laugh and to cry, to be sad and to be happy. <i>Margaret Cooling, Assemblies for Primary Schools: Pub RMEP, 1990, used with kind permission</i></p>	<p><i>Versicle:</i> Blessed be our God and Father: he hears the prayers of his children. <i>Response:</i> Lord, hear us. <i>Versicle:</i> We thank you, Father for sending us your Son: - let us keep him before our eyes throughout this day. <i>Response:</i> Lord, hear us. <i>Versicle:</i> Make wisdom our guide, - help us walk in newness of life. <i>Response:</i> Lord, hear us. <i>Versicle:</i> Lord, give us your strength in our weakness: - when we meet problems give us courage to face them. <i>Response:</i> Lord, hear us. <i>Versicle:</i> Direct our thought, our words, our actions today, - so that we may know, and do, your will. <i>Response:</i> Lord, hear us.</p>	<p>The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.</p>
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	<p>EXPLORING THE TRINITY (class or key stage) II Corinthians 13 v 14 Draw a large equilateral triangle on a large piece of paper and cut it out. Invite the participants to say what they think you might be doing and why. [On one side of it mark out 4 equilateral triangles within the large triangle] This week we have been thinking about the Holy Trinity. Who can tell me the 3 persons of the Trinity? This is our final look at the Trinity this term and we are going to look at one last explanation. Explain that the 3 sides of the large triangle act as a reminder of God the Father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit. Turn the triangle over to reveal the 4 smaller triangles. Mark one section 'F' for Father, one 'S' for Son and one 'HS' for Holy Spirit. Fold each small triangle over the centre. How does this explanation remind us of the Christian belief we have been thinking about? When you reopen the triangles you could add your own symbols for the parts of the Trinity.</p> <p><i>(Based on and assembly written by Margret Cooling in Cracking Assemblies 2)</i></p>	<p>Prayer: Thank you, Father, that you know what it is like to be one of us. You know what makes us happy and you know what makes us sad.</p> <p>Hymn: Praise God from whom all blessings flow (<i>in a round</i>)</p>	
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