

In this unit, you should:

- Identify John 1 as part of a ‘Gospel’, noting some differences between John and the other Gospels.
- Offer suggestions for what texts about God might mean.
- Give examples of what the texts studied mean to some Christians.
- Describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in the way they live.
- Make links between some of the texts and teachings about God in the Bible and what people believe about God in the world today, expressing some ideas of your own clearly.



Key vocabulary:

Incarnate: To take on or embody a human form.

Gospel: Found in the New Testament, tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus.

Emmanuel: God is with us.

Nativity: The birth of Jesus Christ.

Trinity: the three persons of the Christian Godhead; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Baptism: the Christian religious rite of placing water on to a person’s forehead or of immersing them in water, symbolizing purification or regeneration and admission to the Christian Church. In many denominations, baptism is performed on young children and is accompanied by name-giving.

Grace: A grace is a short prayer or thankful phrase said before or after eating.

Key content:

- Christians believe God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Christians believe the Father creates; he sends the Son who saves his people; the Son sends the Holy Spirit to his followers.
- Jesus, the Son of God, is seen by Christians as revealing what God the Father is like.
- Understanding God is challenging; people spend their whole lives learning more and more about God.
- Christians believe the Holy Spirit is God’s power at work in the world and in their lives today, enabling them to follow Jesus.

	Mark	Matthew	Luke	John
Target Audience	Gentiles	Jewish Christians	Greeks	All Christians
Character of Author	Storyteller	Teacher	Historian	Theologian
Portrait of Jesus	Hidden Messiah	Promised Messiah	Son of Man	Son of God
Emphasis	Jesus’ Actions	Jesus’ Teaching	Jesus’ Humanity	Jesus’ Teaching

Links:

EYFS: Why do Christians perform nativity plays?

Yr 1&2 - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Yr 3 - LKS2 CORE LEARNING: - Why is Baptism important to Christians?

Yr 5 - UKS2 CORE LEARNING: Was Jesus the Messiah?

Yr 6 - UKS2 DIGGING DEEPER: What does it mean to be holy and loving?

Key Questions:

Why do Luke and Matthew both include Jesus’ birth? Why do they think it is important?

Why does John not mention the birth of Jesus?

What does Christmas celebrate? Do you believe God came to Earth at Christmas? In which ways was Jesus an ordinary person? In which ways is he ‘God on Earth’?

How do your beliefs make a difference to your life and to life in your church?

What do you do because of your beliefs?

What difference does it make to believe in God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit?