

KS1 Unit 9, Lesson 2: The baptism of Jesus

Context: This lesson explores what Christians believe about Jesus by looking at the account of his baptism.

Overview:

- What does the Bible tell us about Jesus growing up and the beginning of his ministry?
- To understand that Christians believe in one God who is three persons – Father (parent), Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity.

Essential core:

Christians will describe one God as Father (parent), Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity.

Resources:

Lions Children's Bible. Superbook video of the baptism of Jesus on You Tube - type "superbook baptism of Jesus." Cards with outline of dove and A4 sheets to fold for wings. Large cloverleaf cut from green card, green sheets of paper with clover outline.

INTRODUCTION:

Which special book do Christians read to find out about Jesus? Read the story of Jesus growing up getting lost in the temple and then of the baptism of Jesus by his cousin John in the River Jordan. (Lions Children's Bible) You can watch the short Superbook video of the story on You Tube - type "superbook baptism of Jesus."

BUILD UP:

Explain that Christians know God as Father Son and Holy Spirit - one God in three persons. All three are in this Bible story. We have heard about the birth of Jesus as a baby, he grew up to be a man (Son). We have heard in this story that God (Father) was pleased with his son and we saw the Dove as the representative of the Holy Spirit, the helper. Christians call this the Trinity. Show a big clover leaf cut from green card. Some people find the clover leaf a good example to help them. What do you think about this?

TASK:

Pupils to make a dove to represent the Holy Spirit.
Then explain the Trinity by drawing Jesus, God and the dove in a clover leaf template.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

Can the pupils draw the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in a template and remember that this is called the Trinity?