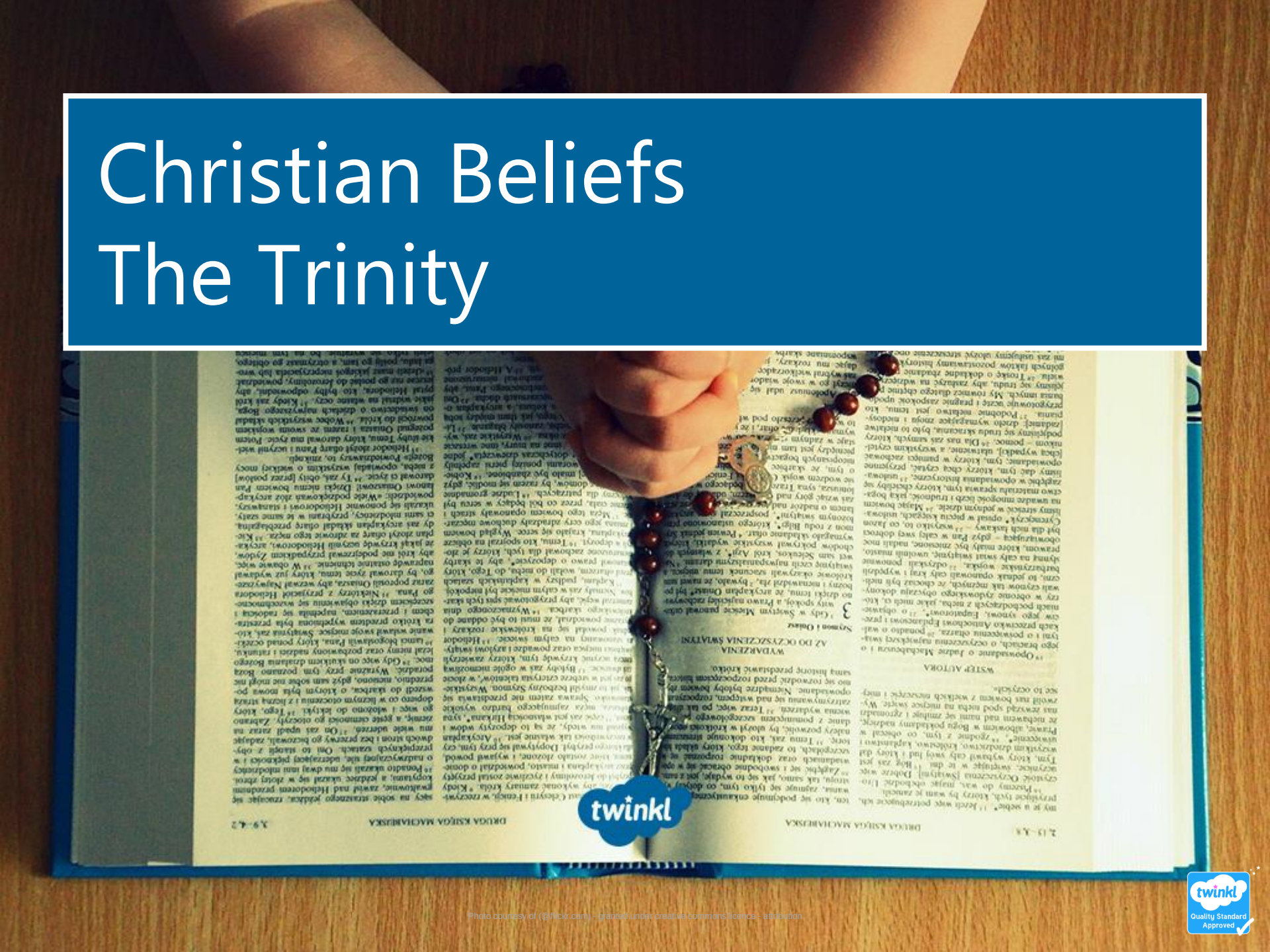
Christian Beliefs
The Trinity



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LO: To explain what Christians mean when they talk about the Trinity.

Success Criteria

- I can describe what the Trinity is.
- I can describe the different parts that make up the Trinity.
- I can describe the roles of each part of the Trinity.

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What Is the Trinity?

Read the quotation below:

> 'And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."'
>
> (Matthew 3: 16-17)

1. What are the three parts of the Trinity mentioned in the quote?
2. What do you think the Trinity is?

What Is the Trinity?

- Christianity is a monotheistic religion. This means they believe in one God.
- However, Christians regularly talk about God being three people:
    - The Father
    - The Son
    - The Holy Spirit
- Each of these people is God.
- As you can imagine, the idea that three people are all one God is quite difficult to understand. Even some Christians think it is a complex idea. It is often referred to as the ‘mystery of the Trinity’.

The Three People of the Trinity

- As we have seen, the Trinity is made up of three people. All of these people are God.
- Christians believe humanity has encountered God in each of these three forms.
- The Father, Son and Holy Spirit each have different roles.

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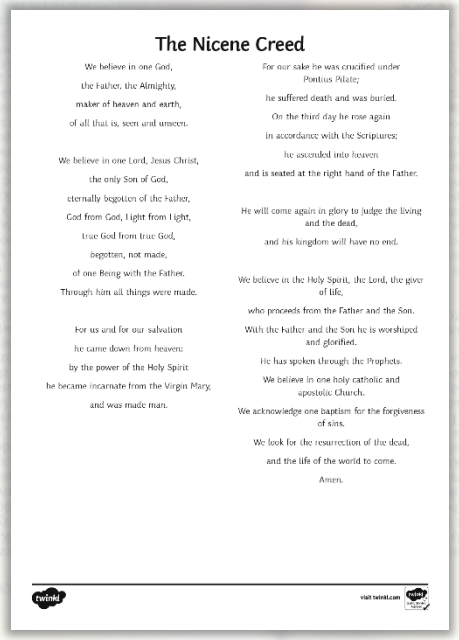
The Nicene Creed

- The Nicene Creed is one of the main statements of faith in Christianity.
- It tells us a lot about Christian beliefs about God.
- Read the Nicene Creed and start to complete your activity sheet.



The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

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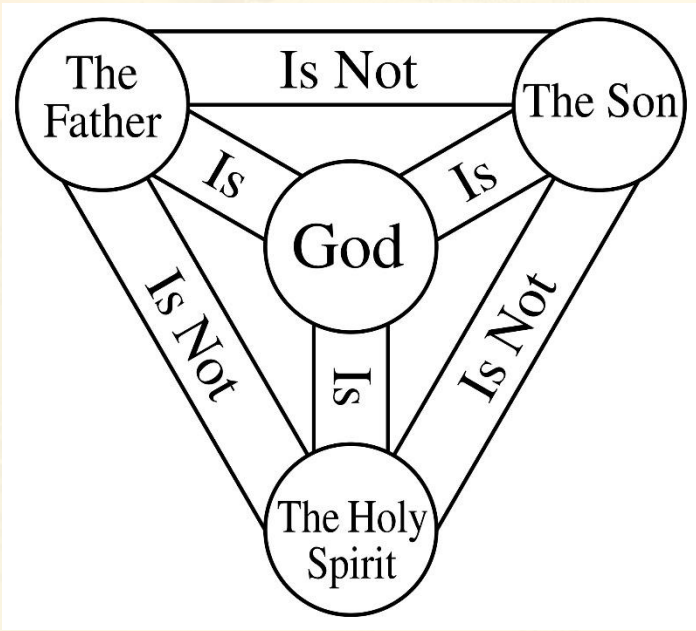
Create a Holy Trinity Symbol.