

Children's involvement in bold

Music for start and end of collective worship: [Down by the riverside - BBC Teach](#)

Song: When I needed a neighbour – Come and praise

	THEME	Learning Intention	Resources/ display
Monday	God the Father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit	The Trinity	<p>Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Christian calendar.</p> <p>Explain that the topic of discussion today is challenging to understand, even for adults! We are talking about how God is three persons in one...He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But He is always all of those! He's not split up into parts, but does things that show us He loves and cares for us.</p> <p>Sometimes children will say "God AND Jesus..." Well, today we'll look at how those are one in the same, although not exactly the same. It can be tough to understand, but reminds us of how amazing and awesome God is! We'll never completely understand Him, and that's okay.</p> <p>Ask: What does the Holy Spirit do? Do you know who He is?</p> <p>*Note: it's easy to fall into the habit of referring to the Holy Spirit as "it." However, it's important to remember that the Holy Spirit is a person of the Trinity, and therefore is a "He", just like the Father and Son.</p> <p>The Trinity God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three persons who are all the same person – God. This is called the Trinity (Trinity means three). When we think of God living inside us, in our hearts, and speaking to us each day, this is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives inside every person who has become a Christian.</p> <p>When God decided to come and live on earth with people, he came in the form of Jesus, God's Son. Jesus is the most important person who ever lived on the earth. But Jesus is more than just a person. Jesus is all God so he knows and does everything that God does. Jesus is all human (people) so he can understand how we feel and act.</p>

			<p>Contemplating the Trinity reminds us of what God does for us. As Father, he created all things and provides for us. As Son, He lived with us and died for us. As Spirit, He continues to work and reign in our lives. These three are not divided, however, but always were and will be one. There are things in our lives, and especially in our Christian faith, that we just don't completely understand. We can put our best efforts into comprehending the Trinity, but, ultimately, we put our trust in the God that knows and does all things. Because He is bigger than our understanding, we know He is bigger than our problems, too!</p> <p>Use this example as a way to try and explain: Sometimes people talk about water: there's liquid water, and then there's solid frozen ice, and then steam or vapor. All three of them are water, but in different forms. However, they can't be ice and water and steam at the same time.</p>
Tuesday	Friendship	Sticking together	<p>Class assembly (due to sports day)</p> <p>Children create TSP prayers about friendship</p>
Wednesday	Friendship	Sticking together	<p>In the Bible there is a book of wise sayings called the book of proverbs – One saying is: <i>"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."</i> Proverbs 18.24</p> <p>(Roots and fruits) - One special way to show someone they are a valued friend is to make them a friendship bracelet (take bracelet from the worship table). Ask the year 6 children to plait a friendship bracelet whilst the worship is taking place.</p> <p>Just like the strands in the friendship bracelet that is being woven by Year 6, Christians believe that Jesus is woven into their lives and will be their closest friend, even closer than the closest brother or sister.</p> <p>Give children the letters spelling out the poem below. Ask for volunteers to read each line, and as they do so, the child holding that letter stands up.</p>

			<p>F is for faithful; they're loyal to the end. R is for reliable; they're true and don't pretend. I is for the interest in sharing thoughts with you. E is for enjoyment whatever you might do. N is for neighbourly; they're kind in every way. D is for dependable on every single day. S is for that special friend you know is always there, The one who makes you happy and you know will always care.</p> <p>Hold up the friendship bracelet created by the year 6 children. Look at the bracelet. The three pieces have been plaited together and this makes the bracelet stronger. Plaiting the strands together needs time and effort, just like building a good friendship. Spend a few moments thinking about one of your friends. What are the things that make your friendship stronger?</p>
Thursday	Friendship	Sticking together	<p>Read the story below, from the Bible, Luke 5: 17-25 then complete the reflection questions.</p> <p>Time for reflection</p> <p><i>Reflection:</i> Think about the story. Were there good friends in it? Think about your friends. What makes a good friend? Think about yourself. Are you a good friend?</p>

Friday		Jesus and the children	MAST
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There were once four men who regularly helped and took care of their friend who had been paralysed and unable to walk for many years. They had heard about a man called Jesus who was able to make blind people see, deaf people hear, cure lepers and even raise people from the dead. These men loved their friend and felt convinced that he too could be cured. When they heard that Jesus was teaching nearby, they were determined to find him. They carried their paralysed friend on a mat, secured with ropes, one at each corner, to a house in Capernaum where Jesus was teaching the people about God. There was a huge crowd crammed into the building, listening and hoping to witness some of the miracles for which he was becoming famous. The four friends could get nowhere near. They were very disappointed but were determined to reach Jesus. One of them had a daring idea. In those days most houses had a flat roof that was reached by an outside staircase. The roof was covered with a thick coating of mud on a layer of reeds, so once they were up on the roof, they were able to scrape this away and make a large hole big enough to lower their paralysed friend down, in front of Jesus' feet.

Jesus was very moved by the trouble that the four men had taken and knew that they had complete faith in his ability to heal their friend. So he said, 'My friend, your sins are forgiven. Pick up your bed and walk.' The crowd watched in amazement; some of them had known how ill the man had been. They watched as the feeling came back into the man's once useless feet and legs, and then he slowly began to get up. He stood up straight, picked up his mat and walked away, thanking Jesus and praising God. Some of Jesus' enemies who saw what had happened were angry. Jesus knew this but he had wanted to demonstrate that his power to heal was a visible sign that he was indeed the Son of God. It was the loyalty of the friends and the faith that they had in him that encouraged Jesus to perform this miracle.

Prayer:

Dear God

We thank you for our friends and for the happy times we share with them. Help us to be a good friend to them. Teach us how to play fairly and to share. Help us to recognize loneliness in others and show friendliness towards them. We know that you are our friend and will be with us always.

Amen.

The Trinity

