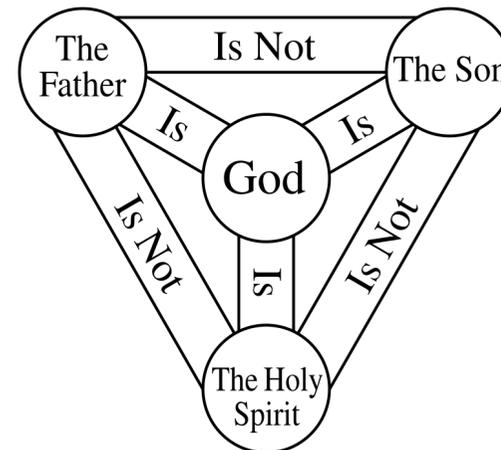


# The Magnificent Three

*We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.*

1. What questions do you think people might have about the Trinity?
2. The apostles and first Christians realised there is only one God. You might like to read two verses which they read also. 2 Samuel 7:22; Isaiah 45:18.
3. The Old Testament occasionally gave hints of the Trinity. Where do you see hints in these verses? Genesis 1:26; Psalm 110:1; Isaiah 6:8.
4. Jesus taught us to call God our Father. Read Matthew 6:1-9 and notice every time he spoke about the Father, and what he said.
5. The apostles were people who witnessed the resurrected Christ, and were sent out by him. They called Jesus the Son of God. What do you see in these verses, for example? John 20:28; Titus 2:13.
6. They also called the Holy Spirit, 'the Spirit of God.' What do you see in these verses? 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 4:30; Romans 8:9.

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7. The Bible says, 'God is love' (1 John 4:8). It also teaches that eternally God is three persons in one. What does that tell you about how God expressed love in eternity, before he created all things?
8. For many centuries, Christians have used this diagram to illustrate the Trinity. What do you think it tells us?



9. People sometimes offer analogies to explain the Trinity. For example, H<sub>2</sub>O which comes as ice, water or steam. Or a three-leaf clover. What do you think are the strengths and weaknesses of those two analogies?