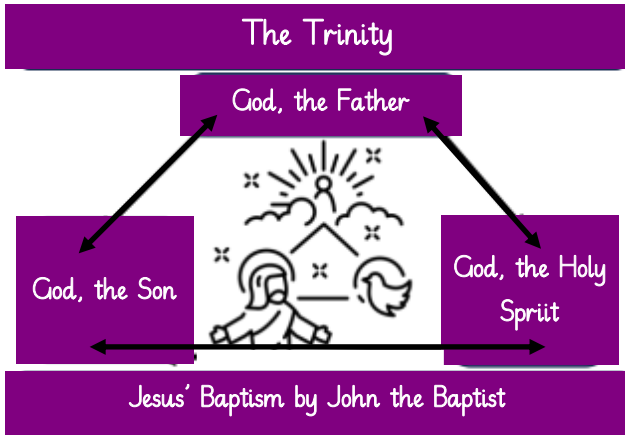


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Being welcomed into the Christian Church



Believer's Baptism



Infant Baptism



Christianity

At the time of **Jesus** many people were waiting for someone to come from God who would save them and to heal the rift between them and God and they called this person the **Messiah**.

Jesus' cousin was a man called **John the Baptist**. He told the people about the coming Messiah and baptised them, so they were ready for the Messiah's arrival.

The water symbolised the washing away of sin.

Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan to show that Jesus was the Messiah, and this story can be found in **scripture**. At Jesus' baptism a dove appeared, and God's voice was heard to say that Jesus was his son, and he was pleased with him.

These events show the Christian belief in the **Trinity**, a belief in God the **Father**, God the **Son**, Jesus, and God the **Holy Spirit**. This is a very important belief for Christians.

When people join Christianity, they are baptised using water just as Jesus was. Different Christian groups or **denominations** will perform baptism differently.

**Glossary**

**believer's baptism** A ceremony that welcomes someone into the Christian Church.

**denomination** A branch of the Christian Church.

**Father** The first person of the Trinity who created everything.

**Holy Spirit** The third person of the Trinity.

**infant baptism** A ceremony that welcomes a baby into the Christian Church.

**Jesus** The second person of the Trinity or the Son; God in the flesh.

**John the Baptist** Jesus' cousin a prophet foretold the coming Messiah and who baptised people to be ready.

**Messiah** A saviour from God.

**scripture** The title given to the writings of the Bible.

**Trinity** The Christian belief that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit; three in one.

**Incarnation**

