



## THE TRINITY:

### The Apostles Creed vs The Bible

The Trinity refers to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. You can find out more about the Trinity [here](#).

Belief in the Trinity is central to every Christian's faith; references to it can be found in the Bible and The Apostles' Creed. The Apostles' Creed was developed by early members of the Church, hundreds of years ago. It is a summary of what Christians believe. Saying the creed together has the effect of binding the community of believers across different denominational traditions and practices.

In this resource you will examine the Apostles' Creed, comparing it with selected verses from the Bible, noting how God as Trinity - three persons in one - is represented in each of these key Christian texts.

#### TASK 1:

Read the Apostles' Creed, then note down or highlight references to the Trinity.



### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**TASK 2:**

What do these extracts from the Bible tell us about the different members of the Trinity?



## The Bible

### Psalm 104:5-8: God the Father and Creator

<sup>5</sup> He set the earth on its foundations;  
it can never be moved.  
<sup>6</sup> You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.  
<sup>7</sup> But at your rebuke the waters fled,  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;  
<sup>8</sup> they flowed over the mountains,  
they went down into the valleys,  
to the place you assigned for them.

### John 10:28-30: God the Father

<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

### Romans 5:6-8: God the Son

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### Galatians 5:22-23: God the Spirit

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**TASK 3:**

Having read through both the Apostles' Creed and the Bible verses, create a table or Venn diagram to show how they are:

- Similar
- Different.