

Exemplification

Ages 9-10 My Learning Progress - Christianity - Does belief in the Trinity help Christians make better sense of God as a whole?

These are examples of the style of answer for each expectation. The content could be different.

	WORKING TOWARDS
	My power is that I am really patient so I don't mind helping people if they don't understand something - I will never get cross with them. God is the Father who made things, Jesus is the Son who came down to earth to live as a human and the Holy Spirit can't be seen but came down when Jesus left. They are consubstantial which means they are all one thing. I find it really hard to understand the Trinity but I can see that a Christian might find it useful because it explains how something really powerful like God can be seen as a human in Jesus and as a feeling like the Holy Spirit.

Year 5 expectation	WORKING AT
	I thought I knew the people in the class really well but I have found out that lots of people have interests or skills that I didn't know about. We all have different side to us. We are all different. Some people are quiet and some are loud. I am quiet and patient. All three aspects of the Trinity are eternal because they are basically all parts of God even though they appear in different ways. Many Christians believe in the Trinity because they have lots of examples of this in the Bible, and important people in the church wrote the creeds which help them be clear about what they believe. I think it is good to have these creeds because then everybody knows they believe in the same thing. I think it might be easier for Christians to understand God in these 3 ways as they can't see God so thinking of him in 3 different ways is easier.

	WORKING BEYOND
	I realise that there are some things that my family knows about me that I don't tell people at school, like when I get sad about losing my Grandad, and some things that I do at school that I never really talk about with my family so I can see how other people might have things that I don't know about. I don't tell my family everything I talk to my friends about. Many Christians believe in one God even though the Bible talks about God as three people. Many Christians see this as just looking at the same person of God in 3 different ways depending on what job God is doing at the time so it was important for Jesus to be human so people could speak to him and relate to Him but the Spirit has to be everywhere to kind of be in people to support them. I think the Trinity does help some Christians understand that God is all powerful so He can appear in different ways to do different things. I think Christians would find the Holy Spirit being invisible quite good because it means it can be close to them all the time wherever they are, and they would feel supported.