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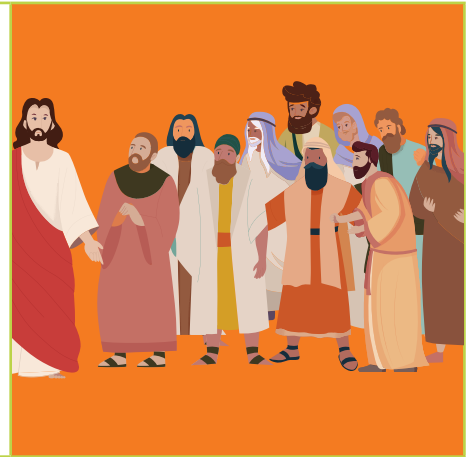
Biblical texts referring to the persons of the Trinity

Teacher note. Cut these out and give a selection to each group. We would suggest that all children have the text from Matthew 28 as Jesus uses the three persons of the Trinity. The others are a selection from the Old and New Testament where aspects of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are discussed so a variety would help children gain a broader knowledge. Teacher notes about each are included after the texts.

Texts referring to the Trinity

Jesus sending out his disciples to tell the world about God. (New Testament)

Matthew 28: 18-20 Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."



The Baptism of Jesus: (New Testament)

Matthew 3: 13-17

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased."



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Texts referring to God the Father

God the Creator of Man (Old Testament)

Genesis 2:7: Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.



God blessing Abram (who became Abraham) (Old Testament)

Genesis 12: 1-2: Then God said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's home, and go to a land that I am going to show you. I will give you many descendants, and they will become a great nation. I will bless you and make your name famous, so that you will be a blessing."



God calls Moses to lead his people: (Old Testament)

Exodus 3: 1-6: One day while Moses was taking care of the sheep and goats of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, he led the flock across the desert and came to Sinai, the holy mountain. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him as a flame coming from the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire but that it was not burning up. "This is strange," he thought. "Why isn't the bush burning up? I will go closer and see." When the LORD saw that Moses was coming closer, he called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Yes, here I am." God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." So Moses covered his face, because he was afraid to look at God.



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Texts referring to God the Son

Jesus being made directly from God - because Jesus spoke about and lived out God's message on earth, John refers to him as "the Word".

John 1 (New Testament)

In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.



Peter (one of Jesus's best friends) saying what he believes about Jesus

Matthew 16: 13-16 (New Testament)

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say the I am?"

"Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet." (These are people who followed God in the Old Testament)

"What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

"Good for you!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven."



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Texts referring to God the Holy Spirit

A person praying for God to send the Holy Spirit to help them be a better person (Old Testament)

Psalm 51: 10-11

Create a pure heart in me, O God,
and put a new and loyal spirit in me.
Do not banish me from your presence;
do not take your holy spirit away from me.



Mary finding out she will have a baby.

Matthew 1: 18-20 (New Testament)

This was how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they were married, she found out that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a man who always did what was right, but he did not want to disgrace Mary publicly; so he made plans to break the engagement privately. While he was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife. For it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus—because he will save his people from their sins."





Teacher notes

Matthew 28:18-20 - known as the Great Commission. Jesus himself uses the phrase Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3: 13-17 The Baptism of Jesus: One of the few places in the Bible where Jesus is present in person, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove and God speaks and calls Jesus his son

God the Father:

Old Testament - **Genesis 2:7** (creation of man), prophets who had personal encounters with God the Father e.g. Abraham (**Genesis 12**): Moses (**Exodus 3**):

God the Son: you may also like to refer back to previous teaching e.g. Christmas, miracles, Jesus as a friend etc.,

John 1 where Jesus is referred to as the Word which came from God and was present in creation.

Peter speaking in **Matthew 16:15-16**: Explaining that he believes Jesus is the son of God

Reference to the Holy Spirit: **Psalm 51 vs 10 & 11**: people may pray to God to send his spirit to help them in times of difficulty to make them strong, or in times when they are tempted to do the wrong or weak thing, and they want its guidance.

Matthew 1:18-20: Mary and Joseph were not married when Mary found she was pregnant, but when the angel explained to Joseph that it was God's spirit who had caused her to conceive, Joseph then accepted this and believed that he should go ahead and marry her because she was carrying God's son.