

What the children will learn about God

Developing the strand objectives further, the following is a brief synopsis of the theological concepts relating to God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit which the children encounter through stories, poems, activities and prayers in the *Moving On* programme. The concepts are not listed in any specific order.

God as Father

- listens to our prayers
- is worthy of praise through songs, prayers and worship
- loves us as members of his family
- enjoys our friendship
- forgives us when we do wrong
- blesses us and looks after us
- should be loved with all our heart, soul and mind
- loves us like a father (parent)
- created the world
- is involved with his people throughout the stories in the Bible and still is involved with us today
- is always there for us to trust
- keeps his promises
- is glorious and majestic
- can be described as like a shepherd, a fortress, a protector and a king
- says he will never leave us
- spoke to Samuel and still speaks to us
- looks at people on the inside
- chose and chooses people to do his work
- sent Jesus his Son to show us how much he loves us and to teach us how to love others
- raised Jesus from the dead
- promises eternal life to all who believe

God as Son - Jesus Christ

- is the Son of God
- was born in Bethlehem
- grew up, lived and ministered within a Jewish culture
- read the Hebrew Scriptures
- taught his disciples about the good news of the Kingdom of God
- worshipped and prayed to God
- inspired people to be his followers, both in his lifetime and throughout history
- told stories (parables)
- healed people
- shared bread with people
- made friends with people including children in a special way
- offers friendship to us today
- shows us the way to live our lives
- is like a cornerstone – the most important person, holding us together
- was crucified and died for us
- was raised from the dead by God, appeared to his disciples and through the Holy Spirit is with us
- ascended into heaven
- told his followers he was going to prepare a place for them in heaven
- is worthy of praise through songs, prayers and worship in church
- is with us in baptism
- is with us at Holy Communion

God as Holy Spirit

- came like wind and fire to the disciples on the Day of Pentecost
- is with us, helping us as Jesus helped the people when he was on earth
- is invisible yet is with us
- guides us today and helps us to live as God wants us to
- is worthy of praise through songs, prayers and worship in church
- is with us in baptism