

# LORDSBRIDGE TEAM OF CHURCHES



Second Sunday after Trinity – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Read Matthew 28.16-20

*You may like to use this material as a basis for discussion in your family.*



The second Mark of Mission encourages us to teach, nurture and baptize new believers. Today's reading from St Matthew's Gospel comes right at the end of the gospel, where Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the world and teach people about God. Jesus says that the disciples should then baptize people "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This section of the gospel is called the Great Commission. It must have seemed quite scary for the disciples but Jesus reassured them by saying that he would always be with them.

Have you ever thought of yourself as a teacher? If you were asked to teach people about God, what would you say? What do you think are the most important things about God to teach to others? Jesus often used stories or parables about everyday situations to teach people. How would you teach them?

When someone becomes a member of the Christian Church they are baptized. Sometimes they are baptized as babies, sometimes as adults. Have you been baptized? Do you remember your baptism? If not, is there someone you can ask about your baptism, to find out what happened?

In the baptism service the vicar says the words that Jesus used: "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen" These are the three aspects of God – the Holy Trinity. It is hard to explain that there is one God but God is made up of three parts or persons. How would you try to explain or teach this part of the Christian faith?



Do you know anyone who wants to learn more about God? Think about how you could take up this mission and teach them about God.

## Activity

- Do some research on the internet and find symbols for the Holy Trinity. Which ones do you think are good ones? Can you create your own symbol for the Holy Trinity?
- When a person is baptized they are usually given a candle as a sign of the light of Christ in their lives. Light a candle each day as you say your prayers to remind you of

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the presence of God in your life. Make sure to do this safely, with an adult present if you are a young person.

## **Prayer**

**This prayer is based on one which is used in the baptism service:**

May God, who has received us by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon us the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
we may daily be renewed by his Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. Amen.