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Ask the student: how would you define the Trinity? Probe the student's thoughts and allow time for discussion.

God is one Divine Being who has three distinguishable personal distinctions; each serves the other in selfless love and working dependently and cooperatively together.

God is not three distinct individuals working independently. God does not have three phases as solid, liquid, and gas. God does not act in three different ways.