

FAMILY LECTIONARY AT HOME



TRINITY SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2020

After Pentecost last week, this week gives a chance to wonder at the reality of God as 3 in 1. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Most of us struggle to understand quite how this can be and many of the traditional illustrations that are used raise more questions than they answer!

So, for Trinity Sunday, our focus is on God: Father, Son and Spirit, and rejoicing in that!

Read the passage below, or watch the YouTube clip (please preview the clip to check that it is suitable for your child/children) <https://youtu.be/OU8zJnzRCVA>

Matthew 28:16-20 Good News Translation (GNT)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, even though some of them doubted. ¹⁸Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.

TALK ABOUT:

Were you surprised that some of Jesus's friends doubted? Maybe we would think that the people who had watched him be killed on the cross and seen him alive again would be completely certain!

Why do you think that the person who wrote these words down wanted us to know that some of his friends were a bit unsure?

Jesus uses four VERBS to describe what his friends should do. They are...

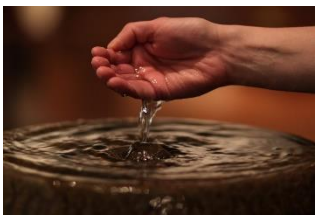
MAKE, BAPTISE, TEACH, GO. Can you put these words in the correct order on the four arrows?



A BAPTISM:

Have you been baptized? Or perhaps you've seen someone be baptized. Can you remember any of the things that happened?

Look at these pictures to help you think about a baptism...



Some ideas from the pictures... baptisms use water... sometimes a scallop shell is used to pour the water.. a lighted candle is given to the person being baptised.. if a child is being baptised they will have Godparents...adults can be baptised in a pool – this is called full immersion baptism. Those who have been baptized are part of God's family – and the family of the church.

If you would like to know more about any part of the Baptism service here are two places to look.

<https://churchofenglandchristenings.org/service-step-step/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-baptism/zm32nrd> (BBC RE video)

WITH YOU ALWAYS...

Perhaps you could ask some of the people who are with you if there have been times in their lives when they have been especially glad to remember that Jesus is with them always...

The link below takes you to the true story of a Dutch lady called Corrie Ten Boom. She lived through the terrible days of Nazi occupation of her country during the Second World War. Her story is hard to read, but she knew that it was true that Jesus was with her always.

<https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/church-history-for-kids/corrie-ten-booms-risky-business-11634873.html>

TO MAKE

If you have an old CD or DVD that you don't need anymore, why not make a spinning disc like the one below?



Cut out a piece of paper and card and stick it to the side of the disc with writing on it. Divide the circle into 3 and use your imagination to draw something for God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. (Thanks to Ellie Brown for the pictures shown above)

Stick a bead or small pen lid to the middle of the disc and spin it on a shiny surface. Even though we don't really understand, thank God for being everything for us!

Here is a prayer you could use.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.