

Start-Up/Third Grade Lesson Plan

Lesson 7 – Jesus Part 2/ The Trinity

Materials needed:

- **Sharpie Markers (in your tub)**
- **8 notecards (in your tub)- write one verse from Genesis on each card.**
 - **Then God said: Let there be light and there was light.**
 - **Then God said: Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters.**
 - **Then God said: Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin so the dry land may appear.**
 - **Then God said: Let the earth bring forth every kind of plant and fruit tree.**
 - **Then God said: Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate day from night.**
 - **Then God said: Let the water teem with living creatures and let the birds fly in the sky.**
 - **Then God said: Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature.**
 - **Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image.**

- **Three cords – yellow, red, navy (in your tub)**
- **Craft sticks (in tub)**
- **Glue (in Mouse House)**
- **Yarn (in Mouse House)**

Before class:

- ✓ Write out the notecards with the verses from Genesis.
- ✓ Tie a knot in the top of the three multi-colored cords so you can braid them later.
- ✓ Cut pieces of yarn so they will be ready to make the ties for your craft.

Prayer

Our Father/Hail Mary/Glory Be

Say:

Last week we learned three important things about Jesus. We learned that:

- **He was a real person who was sent by God.**
- **He had an important message to bring (Love God/love and forgive others as I love and forgive you).**
- **He was fully human and fully divine (He was a person just like us AND He was also God).**

- **Jesus is all those things and so much more, wouldn't you like to know more about this amazing person? Let's look at some of the titles the Bible uses for Jesus.**

† **Prophet – a prophet speaks for God. Do you think Jesus brought God's message to us?**

† **Teacher – Jesus teaches us how to live God's way so we will be sure to have everlasting life in heaven.**

† **Immanuel – Immanuel is a Hebrew word that means "God with us". Why do you suppose the Bible gives Jesus this title?**

† **Savior – When Jesus was a little boy, no one called Him "Jesus". He was Yeshua (Ye' shua). Yeshua is a Hebrew name (Joshua in English). Jesus is the Greek translation of Yeshua. Yeshua means "God saves"**

† **Logos – Logos is Greek for "word". Hmmm...that's an odd title for a person, isn't it? Do you know anyone called "Word"? Well, let's go on a hunt and see if we can find out where this sort of odd name for Jesus came from. I need 7 helpers though.**

(Call helpers to the front of the room. Give each student one of the notecards you prepared ahead of time.)

I'm going to ask each of my helpers to read a verse from the Book of Genesis in the Bible. You are all going to have to be good detectives to figure this out. The answer to our question, "Why is Logos or "Word" one of the names for Jesus is in these verses. I'll give you a hint – there is one word you will hear over and over again that is our main clue. Are you ready?

(Have helpers read the verses aloud. Teacher can read the last verse.)

Did you figure it out? What word did you hear over and over again? (said)

God created the world by speaking with...what? (Words)

All God had to do was speak the word and there was light, sky, ocean, land, animals and humans.

So if God created the world with His Word and Jesus is God...

the title "Logos" makes sense!! Right?

Now wait a minute...did I just say that Jesus is God??? I thought He was God's *Son*!

Well...which is it? Is Jesus God or is He God's Son?

The answer is YES!

I'm not crazy. There is something really special and cool you should know about God and Jesus called the "Trinity". But first I think we need a break!

(Take kids to the gym for a short cookie break or just time to stretch their legs – 5 minutes.)

- **How many of you have heard the word "Trinity"?**
- **Trinity comes from a Latin word that means "three are one".**
- **We call God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit – the Trinity.**
- **Scripture tells us that God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are three persons but ONE God.**
- **How can God be three persons and still be one God?**
- **This is hard even for adults to understand but we know it's true because it's what our Church teaches.**
- **Maybe this will help:**

(Hold up your 3 multi-colored cords)

- **How many cords do I have here?**
- **Let's say that the yellow cord is God the Father, the red cord is God the Son and the navy cord is God the Holy Spirit. Do you think I can make them into one cord?**

(Have a student hold the knotted end of your cords while you braid them together)

- **This braided cord shows started out as three but now it is so tightly woven together that it is only one. That's a little start in understanding the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Three separate persons so tightly together that they are One.**
- **That can be a little hard to remember! Let's make something to take home that will remind us of what we have learned today.**

(Have kids each pick out three different colored popsicle sticks. Then they can write "Father" "Son" and "Holy Spirit" one on each popsicle stick with a Sharpie. Some kids may need help. Glue sticks together in a triangle shape and tie a piece of yarn around it so it can be hung up.)

Explain that they have made a "three in one"!