

St. John's Church School  
Trinity

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**Trinity Sunday**

**Bible Texts:** Matthew 5:13; John 3:5.

As Christians, we believe that the One God is made up of three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (sometimes we say, Holy Spirit). This is called the Holy Trinity, or the Triune God.

Do we worship 3 Gods? No, indeed! However, God shows himself to us in three persons:

The *Father* is the creator of all Things;

*Jesus Christ*, his only son, is the redeemer or savior of all people;

The *Holy Ghost* is the sanctifier of the world and everyone in it. The Spirit blesses us and makes us holy.

All three persons work together. At the creation of the world, Jesus Christ was the living word that God the Father spoke; and the Holy Spirit moved across the face of the waters and brought life into the world.

When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove, and God the Father spoke from heaven to say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

The symbols of the Holy Trinity always have three parts that cannot be separated, just as God cannot be separated.

One way to think about the Holy Trinity is to think about water (or H<sub>2</sub>O.) Water that we drink is wet, and a liquid. But what about ice? It is made of water, but it is hard and frozen. How about steam? Steam is hot and cloudy when it comes out of the tea kettle, but it is still water in its gas form. So, water can be in three "persons" but it is still water, nevertheless.

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So, God has three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, but they are all the same true God, the Holy Trinity.

Some other symbols of the Holy Trinity include:

- Triangle with all sides the same
- Triquetra
- The 3 leaf shamrock
- The Fleur de lis
- The three fish intertwined
- Three circles interlocking

All of these symbols, and others, remind us that our God is great and works in many ways to show himself to us. We may not fully understand The Holy Trinity, but that is because God is so much greater than we are, yet he loves us and cares so much for us that He shows us through His three persons how we can know and love Him and be with Him always.

### **Activity:**

You may use the Trinity Symbols booklets for the children to color and take home.