

Kindergarten: Lesson 10

The Holy Trinity

Lesson Objective:

Now that the children have encountered Christ in prayer and have learned about God's activity in the world, they are prepared to explore the Holy Trinity. Teaching the Our Father helps them to reflect on the first Person of the Holy Trinity.

Learning Outcomes: Students will ...

- recognize that there is one God (Deut 4:35)
- identify the three persons of the Holy Trinity (CCC 261)
- recognize heaven as living with God forever
- recite traditional prayers in a group

Materials Needed:

- Prayer space items, Bible, pencils, crayons, a shamrock to help explain the Holy Trinity,
- Copies needed: Trinity Art (Shamrock page) Catholic Prayers coloring pages stapled into a booklet.

As Students Enter Class:

- While waiting for everyone to arrive, consider having a coloring sheet available, such as a shamrock (which will be referenced in today's lesson) or one of our traditional Catholic Prayers.

Beginning of Class:

- Invite students to your prayer space and say the Our Father together. Consider doing an echo version, where you say a line and students repeat the line.

Lesson 10 Video

This video is 3:31 in length.

Highlights: Carla reviews that in previous lessons we learned that Jesus is the Son of God and that God loves us so much, he sent Jesus to save us from our sins.

Jesus teaches us about God, the Father, and He says that just as God loves me, so I love you.

Before Jesus returned to Heaven, He told us that he would send the Holy Spirit to love and guide us. God is one God, in 3 persons. This can be hard to understand.

St. Patrick went to Ireland and used a shamrock, which is a plant with three leaves, to teach people about the Holy Trinity:

- God the Father
- God the Son
- God the Holy Spirit

Just as the shamrock is one plant with 3 leaves, so is God one, yet 3.

Do you remember how to do the Sign of the Cross? The Sign of the Cross prayer reminds us of the Blessed Trinity.

TAKE A MOMENT AND REVIEW THIS WITH YOUR STUDENTS.

Jesus taught us the disciples how to pray to God, the Father. Through the Holy Spirit, we can pray to God the Father, through Jesus, the Son of God.

Carla prays the Our Father, slowly and clearly for the students. She references how to find it in the Bible in Matthew 6:5-15.

Next, is an explanation of the Our Father.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First, we ask for everyone to know God the Father as Holy. • Then, we ask for help to live as God wants us to. • Next, we ask God to give us what we need to live and that God will also forgive us when we don't do as he wishes. • We also promise to forgive others that hurt us or our feelings. • Lastly, we ask God to protect us from things that keep us from Him. |
| <p>Glory Be Video</p> | <p>This video is 1:32 in length. Words and visuals accompany this video. It is also narrated by children, which makes it more engaging.</p> <p>It reviews the prayer twice; you may wish to encourage students to join in the second time.</p> <p>If you would like, you can show this video twice, in order to help students learn this prayer.</p> |
| <p>The Hail Mary Video</p> | <p>This video is 1:46 in length and is made by the same person as the Glory Be. It is narrated by children, and also has words and pictures. The prayer is recited two times.</p> <p>You may wish to follow the same implementation idea as above.</p> |
| <p>The Our Father Video</p> | <p>This video is 1:59 in length and is also made by the same person as the above two videos. Once again, narrated by children, with words and pictures.</p> |
| <p>Praise the Lord Song</p> | <p>This is a Christine in Action Video and is .53 in length. Christine uses movements along with the words.</p> <p>Invite students to stand up and join in the movements, as well as singing.</p> |
| <p>Choose your Trinity Art</p> | <p>There are a few to choose from. However, this lesson plan focuses on the Shamrock, since it is referenced in the first video of the lesson.</p> |

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| |  <p>You only need to download one page. Students color the shamrock, then cut along the bottom for the 3 pictures. If you have access to a color printer, the pictures of the Trinity are in color.</p> |
| <p>Catholic Prayers Coloring Pages</p> | <p>You can assemble these prayers into a booklet that you keep in class to color and review one prayer each week. When complete, send home.</p> |
| <p>Closing Activity and Prayer</p> | <p>Ask students to name the 3 people in the Holy Trinity.</p> <p>Ask students to name some prayers they learned about today.</p> <p>Then select one of today's prayers to recite for your closing prayer.</p> |