

## Children's Message, May 30, 2021 (Holy Trinity)

Good morning! Today is what we call "Trinity" Sunday. Do you know what *trinity* means? (something that has 3 parts)

The Bible tells us there is only one GOD. In seminary—a school for people who want to become pastors—I learned that "there is only one God, and it's not me"!

You've heard that our God is "the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Do you know who those men are? . . . We call them the "patriarchs" (fathers) or "ancestors" of our faith.

The Bible teaches us something else about God: He has 3 different ways of showing himself to us: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Think about who *you* are. If you're a boy, then you are a "son." A girl is a "daughter." If there are other kids in your family, then you're a "brother" or a "sister." If your mom or dad has brothers or sisters, then you're also a "nephew" or a "niece." There's only one of you, but you have different relationships with other people in your family.

Our GOD is like that. He's the FATHER—the Father of every single person on the earth, now or ever. He's also the SON, Jesus, who was born like us and died just as we will some time die. He's also the Holy Spirit, who stays with us now that Jesus (the Son) is in heaven with God. He's always GOD, even when he's Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But he relates to us differently in each "person."

Every Sunday we say the Apostle's Creed. These are words that express what we believe about God. (That's what a "creed" is, stating what you believe about something; and an "apostle" is someone who believes in Jesus and is sent out by God to share the good news.)

We say we believe in "God, the Father Almighty"; and in "Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord"; and in "The Holy Spirit," whom God sends to us after the death of Jesus on the cross.

We call this the "Trinity." We also call it a "mystery." It's part of our faith which we can never really understand—but we understand that it's God's way of being with us always.