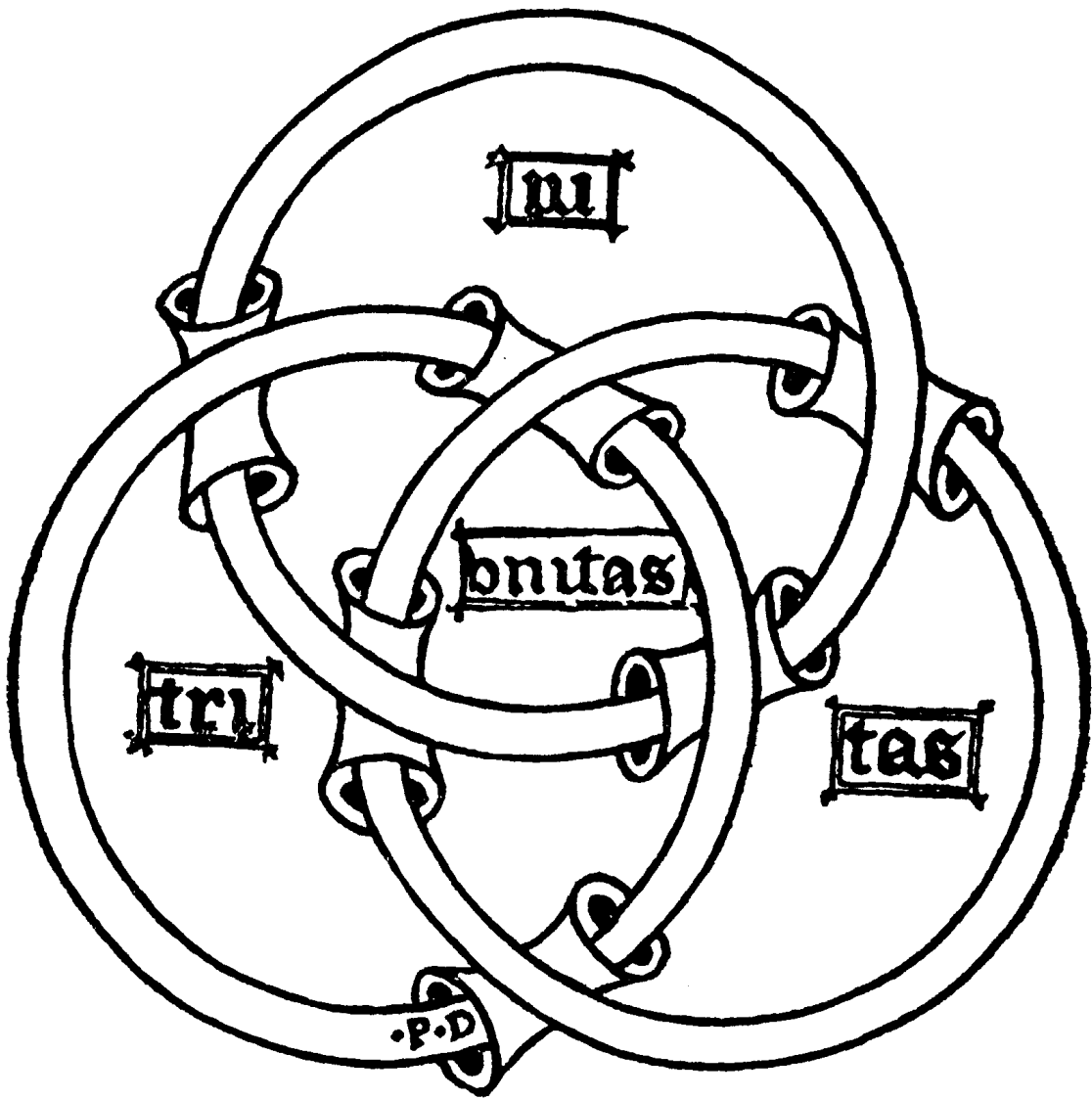


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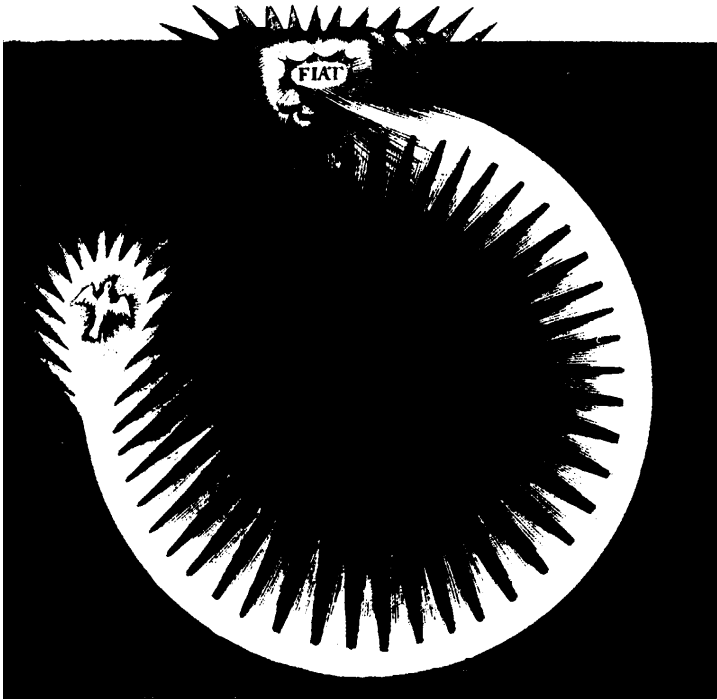


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## The Creation of Light

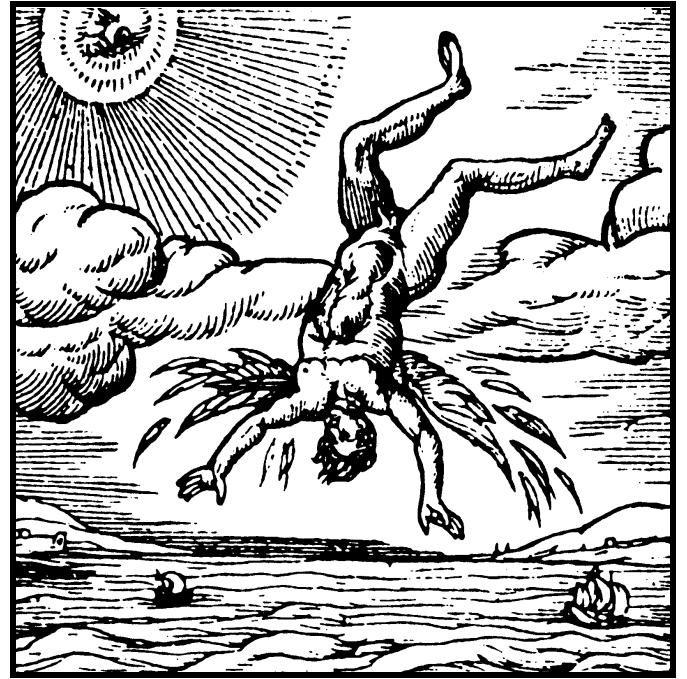
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## The Fall of the Devil

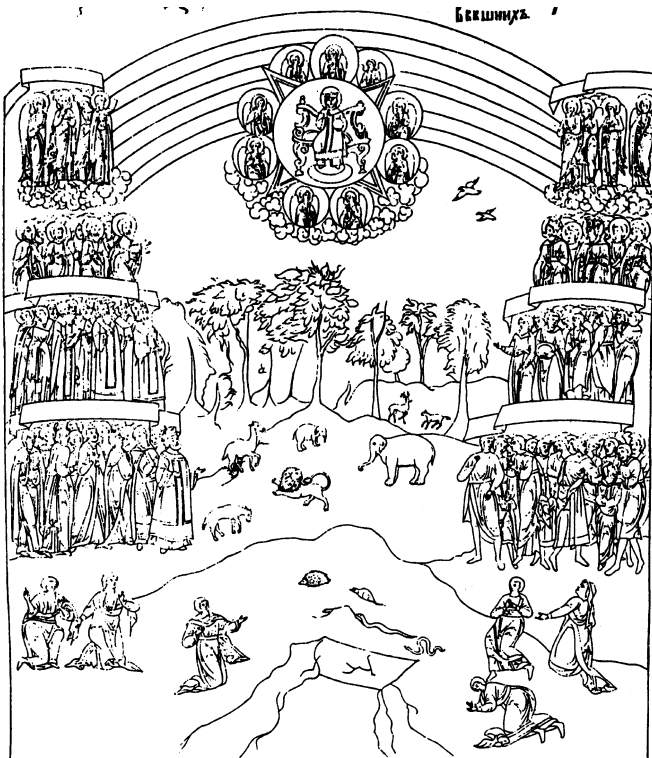
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## The Creation Praises God

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## The Creation of Eve

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## **2) Craft idea:**

### **Jesus' Promise at the Manger**

The following items will be needed for each student. An empty matchbox, paper plates, glue, brown paint, craft sticks cut into 4 inch pieces (each student will need 2), straw or raffia. Have each student slide the inner box out of the cover, and then glue the inner box on top of the cover. Instructing the students that this is a manger, have them paint the match box brown. While this is drying, have the students glue their craft sticks together to form a cross. When the matchbox is dried, have them glue the cross inside the manger. Then finally, they can add the straw or raffia to the inside of the box as well as the inside of the bottom box. Ask the students if they can tell you why this craft is important to today's lesson as well as yesterday's.

### **Lesson Five: The Holy Spirit – The Lord and Giver of Life**

**Bible Story:** The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-21)

**Focus Bible Verse:** "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" Acts 2:21

### **Teaching the Lesson:**

Read Acts 2: 1-21 and ask questions along the way:

- 1) **What day was this?** Pentecost
- 2) **What was the sound the people heard?** A hard wind blowing
- 3) **What appeared on the heads of the Apostles?** Flames of fire
- 4) **What happened next?** The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and began preaching about Jesus in different languages.
- 5) **How did the people who heard the Apostles react to all of this?** They were amazed and confused.
- 6) **Who talks to the people on behalf of the Apostles?** Peter
- 7) **What does he tell them?** That what is happening is just as God had said it would. And that everyone who calls upon the name of Jesus will be saved.

### **Activity Ideas:**

#### **1) Craft activity:**

##### **Gift Bags**

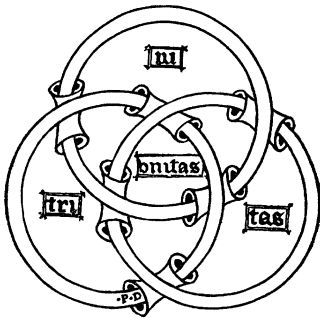
The supplies you will need for this project: white paper lunch sized bags, paper plates, Q-tips, tempera paint, ribbon cut to 10" lengths, hole punch.

Before class, fold the tops of each bag down about 2 inches and then punch two holes approx. 1 ½ inch from each side making sure to go through all layers.

In class, hand each student one of the bags. Put different colored paints on the paper plates. Then let the children dip their Q-tips in the paint and decorate their bags. Some may choose to make dots and others may drag their Q-tips making trails of paint. When the students are happy with their bags, set them up so that they can dry completely. After they have dried, you may desire to sneak a surprise ( a small token, piece of candy, individually wrapped cookie, etc) into their bags and then you can lace and tie their bags shut. Why was this

# THE HOLY SPIRIT — THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE

We are learning about the Holy Trinity. To review our lessons up to today, look at the following pictures, and circle the phrase that best describes what that pictures says.



A. The Holy Trinity: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. One God; three Persons.

B. One God: The Father only is God.

C. Three Gods: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are each Gods.



A. Jesus has been with the Father forever. Jesus helped the Father make everything. Jesus is the Image of God.

B. Jesus never lived until He was born from Mary. Jesus wasn't around when the Father made everything.

C. Jesus was made by the Father, and then Jesus helped the Father make everything. Jesus is the Image of God.



A. Jesus saved us by showing us how to live.

B. Jesus saved us by helping us to be good.

C. Jesus saved us by dying for our sins.

## The Giving of the Holy Spirit

Today we learn about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity. Try to think about some things we say about the Holy Spirit in Church. Circle the following things we say about the Holy Spirit in Church.

*Maker of heaven and earth*

*God of God; Light of Light; very God of very God; begotten, not made*

*Spoke by the prophets*

*Proceeds from the Father and the Son*

*Born of the Virgin Mary*

*Suffered under Pontius Pilate*

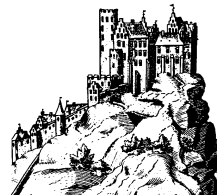
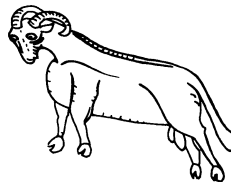
*With the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified*

*The Lord and Giver of Life*

The Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of Life. Imagine for a moment that a very rich uncle wishes to give you a million dollars. He writes a check out and sends it to you in a card. The mailman then delivers this card to you. You open the card, and find one million dollars in it.

The Holy Spirit is like the mailman. He delivers to you gifts from Jesus. Jesus died on the cross for your sins. He also delivers forgiveness and life to you by the Holy Spirit.

Below are some pictures. Circle the ones which show where the Holy Spirit delivers the gifts of Jesus:



Now, look at the things you circled. Where do all these things happen?

Read the story about the giving of the Holy Spirit:

## The Birth of the Church: The Giving of the Holy Spirit

After Jesus died for us, He rose again from the dead. After Jesus rose from the dead, He walked around on the earth for forty days. He talked with His disciples and told them what would soon happen.

He said that He would soon return to heaven, but He would not leave them alone. He would send down the Holy Spirit to the disciples.

After forty days, Jesus ascended ("went back up") to be seated at the Right Hand of the Father. The disciples then waited for the Holy Spirit to come.

Well, ten days later, the Holy Spirit did come upon them. Strange things happened when the Holy Spirit came. Little tongues of fire appeared on the heads of the disciples. And then, the disciples began to preach to people in their own languages.

Some people thought that the disciples were crazy. They said to the disciples, "You are drunk with wine!"



But Peter got up and preached to them. He said that Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would come down like this.

Peter told these people that they killed Jesus by putting Him on a cross.

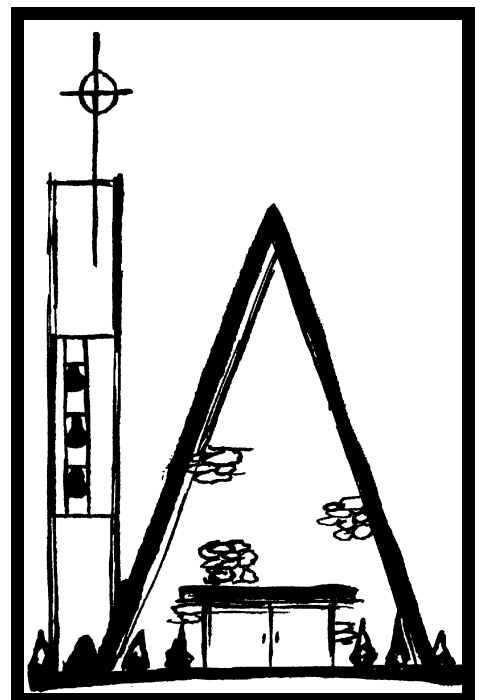
The people then felt very bad. They said to Peter, "what shall we do?"

Peter told them, "repent of your sins and be baptized, both you and your children."

And so, the people repented of their sins and

were baptized. Many, many people were baptized that day. After they were baptized, they were taught many things by the apostles. They prayed together. They had communion together. They were now a church.

*What is the main thing that happens at Church?*



## The Means of Grace — the Place where the Holy Spirit gives Life.

Below is how the church would look like if you were a spider on the ceiling looking down.  
Can you find...

...the altar?

...where the pastor preaches?

...where the Bible is read?

...where the people sit?

...where baptisms happen?

Discuss the following terms  
with your teacher.

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Lectern

Narthex

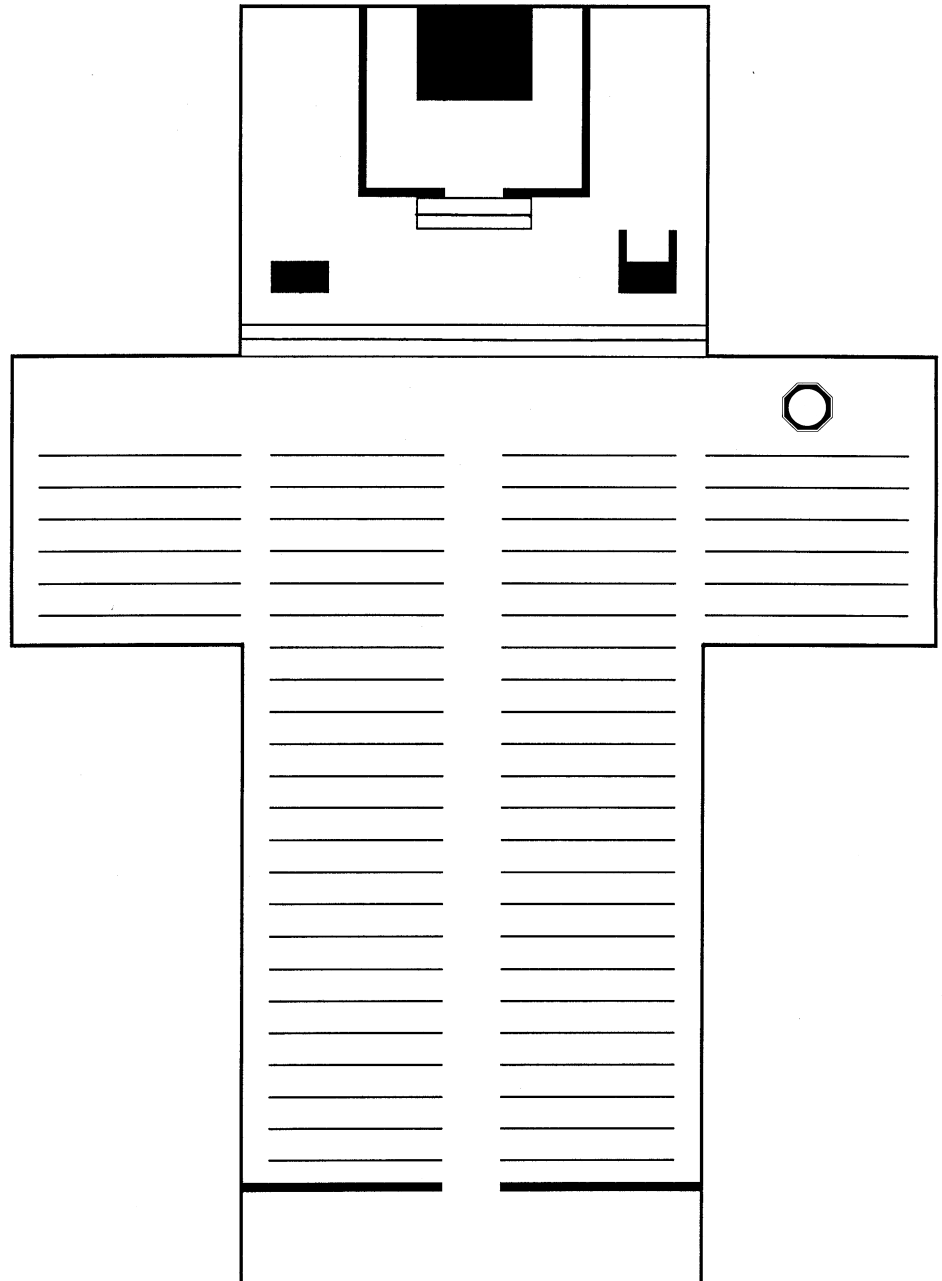
Sanctuary

Nave

Altar Railing

What form does the church  
have?

Why does the church have this form?



# THE HOLY TRINITY

The Holy Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. When a baby is baptized, the pastor says this Name.

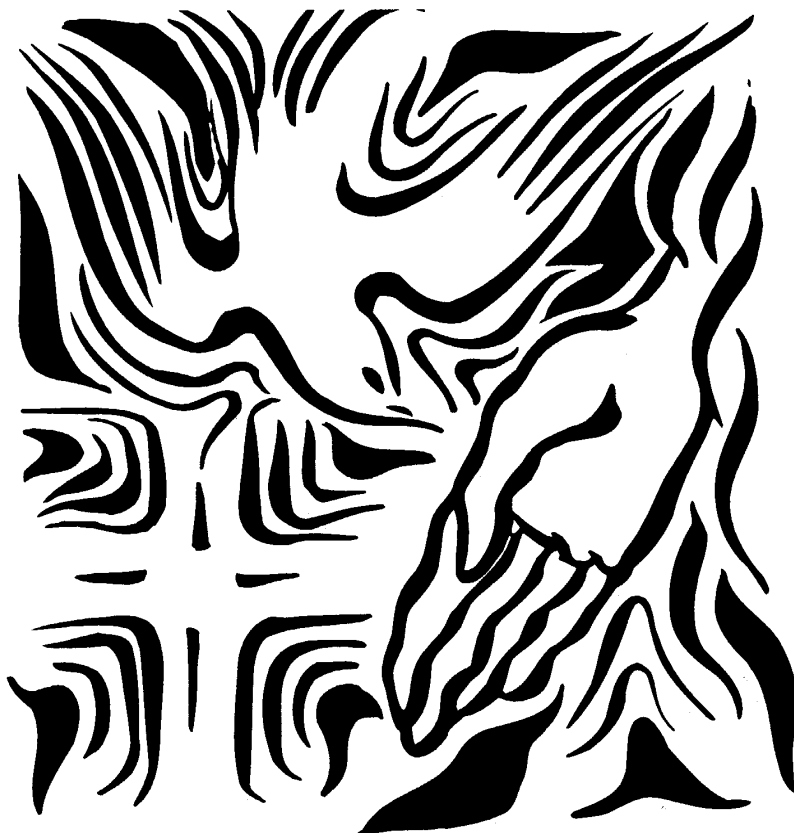
What does this Name mean? Why do we believe in the Holy Trinity? What does it mean that our God is a Trinity?

Today we will learn about the Holy Trinity.

## What's in a Name?

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is the Name of the Lord.

The Bible says that anyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved. It also says that our help is in the Name of the Lord. The Bible calls the Name of the Lord a strong tower.



When did you first "call upon the Name of the Lord"?

The symbols of the Holy Trinity: The Father as a giving hand; the Son as a cross; the Holy Spirit as a dove

What kind of help do we get in the Name of the Lord?

How is the Name of the Lord like a strong tower?

The Bible says that no one knows the Name of the Lord unless Jesus reveals it. Jesus taught that pastors should baptize all people in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They should also teach everything that He taught in the Bible.

Have you been baptized?

Have you been taught?

What is it called when you have been taught all the things that Jesus taught?

The Name of the Lord does great things for us! The Bible says that our sins are forgiven in the Name of the Lord. It also says that we become God's children when we believe in His Name. When we believe, we have life in His Name.

Forgiveness, life, and becoming God's children in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Where does all this happen?

### Life in His Name

In God's Name is Life. How does "the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" give life? To answer this question, just think about the Name of God.

The Father has begotten the Son. What does "begotten" mean?

"Begotten" means that Jesus came from the Father since forever. Before time even began, Jesus was the Son of God.

Is the Father older than the Son? No. But aren't fathers older than sons? Yes. But it is different with the Holy Trinity.

Think of the sun. The rays of the sun come from the sun. Yet, as long as there has been a sun, there have been rays.

So also with the Father and the Son. Jesus is from the Father. Yet, there was never a time when there was a Father but no Son!

This is great news for us! God the Father has always been giving of His life for His Son. Our God is a "life-giving" God. He loves to give life. He's been doing it forever! And we know that He loves to do it for us too. He gives us life when we are born, and He gives us new life when we are baptized.



The Name of God in Hebrew

## One God; Three Persons

We believe in One God. How can we believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? Isn't that three Gods?

No. We call the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit "Persons" of the Trinity. The Father is a Person. The Son is a Person. The Holy Spirit is a Person.

We believe in One God, but three Persons. Each Person is God. Each Person is Lord. Jesus is not any less God or Lord than the Father. The Holy Spirit is not any less God or Lord than Jesus.



One God; Three Persons

## Confess your Faith

Read the following verses. Underline what we confess about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. What do the underlined words look like?

### The Father

My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

### Jesus (the Son)

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

### The Holy Spirit

The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

It is the Spirit who gives life.

# THE SON — HIS WORK



The Father receives the righteousness of Christ

In the last lesson, we talked about *Who* Jesus is. Today we talk about *what* He did. When we talk about *what* Jesus did, we divide Jesus' life into two parts.

The first part of Jesus' work is called His humiliation. What does it mean to be humiliated? Humiliation means to be humbled. Someone is humiliated when he is brought down low, insulted, or made to feel shame.

The second part of Jesus' work is called His exaltation. What does it mean to be exalted? Exaltation means to be raised or lifted up. Someone is exalted when he is praised, lauded, or glorified.



Read the Apostle's Creed. Match each part of the Creed with the Person of Christ, His humiliation, and His exaltation.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Exaltation

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.

Person

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

Humiliation

From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**Answer the following questions.**

When did the humiliation of Christ begin and end?

When did the exaltation of Christ begin and end?

## **The Humiliation**

**Read the following passage from Isaiah 53:**

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender **plant**, **And as** a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, **There is no beauty** that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, **A Man of sorrows and acquainted** with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did **not esteem Him**.

Surely He has borne our griefs **And carried our sorrows**; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by **God, and afflicted**. **But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, **Yet He opened not His mouth**; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its **shearers is silent**, So He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, **And who will declare His generation?** For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the **transgressions** of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked -- But **with the rich** at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; **He has put Him to grief**. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, **He shall prolong His days**, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the **labor of His soul**, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, **For He shall bear their iniquities**.

Therefore I will divide Him a portion **with the great**, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto **death**, **And He was numbered with the transgressors**, And He bore the sin of many, And made **intercession for the transgressors**.

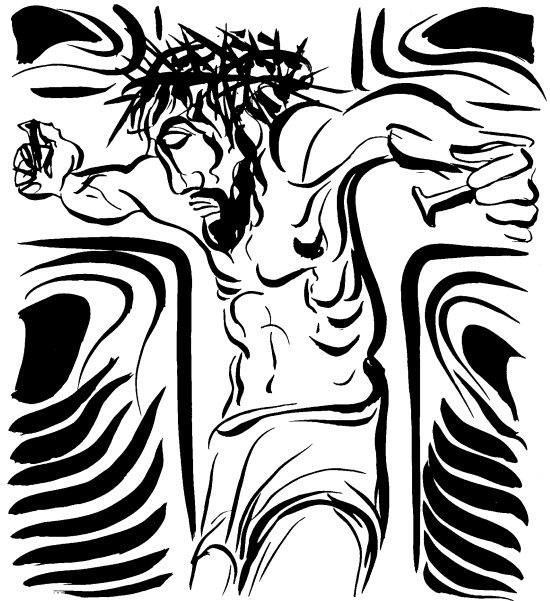
## Discussion

About whom is this passage? What does this passage describe? What do you see "shadowed" in the passage?

### The 7 words of Jesus on the cross...

Match up the following verses with the hints given in the second column.

1. Luke 23: 34      \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was able to forgive even His enemies  
                             \_\_\_\_\_ Even if we are a criminal to the very end, Jesus can still save us.
2. John 19: 28      \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is human and has basic human bodily needs.  
                             \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' work on the cross has done everything needed to save us; nothing more is needed
3. John 19: 30      \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus took on all the sins of the world and was sin itself; therefore, His holy Father turned His face from Him.
4. Luke 23: 46      \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is ready to return to the Father having finished the task.
5. John 19: 26      \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' death creates a new family beyond blood relationships.
6. Matthew 27: 46
7. Luke 23: 43



### Take up your cross daily and follow Me...

Jesus says, "Take up your cross daily and follow me." What do you suppose this means?

Is it always easy to be a Christian? Why is it sometimes hard to live as a Christian?

## The Exaltation

Read the following verses describing the exaltation of Jesus. Match them up with their meaning.

a. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

b. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

c. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

d. If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

e. [You were] buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is in heaven getting things ready for us to be with Him.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' exaltation is the power behind baptism; because He lives, we too shall be given new life in Baptism.

\_\_\_\_\_ Now that Jesus sits at the Right Hand of the Father, He can send out the Holy Spirit to give us gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Because Jesus is sitting at the Father's right hand, He can receive our prayers and take them to the Father.

\_\_\_\_\_ We should think "exalted thoughts." That is, our minds should not be in the gutter, but thinking about things above.

## Justification, the Great Gift of Jesus' Work

When Jesus died on the cross, He died for the sins of the whole world. God made Jesus to be sin itself! Meanwhile, we became the righteousness of God. This is what is known as the "Great Exchange." Jesus took our sins, but gave us His righteousness. This is also called "justification." A way to remember what justification means is to say...

***I am justified. God looks at me  
"just if I'd" never sinned.***

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# Tuesday Prayer

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Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Children: Amen.**

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips.

**Children: And my mouth will declare your praise.**

## Psalm 2

Pastor: I will lift up my eyes to the hills -- From whence comes my help?

**Children: My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

**Children: Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

Pastor: The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**Children: The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.**

Pastor: The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

**Children: The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.**

**Doxology**

**Hymn**

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*God the Father*

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# Wednesday Prayer

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Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Children: Amen.**

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips.

**Children: And my mouth will declare your praise.**

## Psalm 8

Pastor: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

**Children: Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Pastor: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

**Children: What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?**

Pastor: For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

**Children: You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,**

Pastor: All sheep and oxen -- Even the beasts of the field,

**Children: The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.**

Pastor: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!  
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