

6TH GRADE FOUNDATIONS

The Trinity: Part 2

OVERVIEW

Last week, in part 1, we discussed God as One, yet He exists in three persons. Remember, there are certain concepts that may be difficult to fully understand, because God is eternal and infinite, the brains we have now on earth are not eternal and infinite. A great way to understand this is using the analogy of water, which exists in three states that function differently (liquid, solid, gas); yet, they are all water. This week we need to understand the significance of the *Triune* God and how that sets Christianity apart from every other religion.

WITH A PARTNER

Why do you think a God who is three-in-one matter to us as Christians?

LARGE GROUP

- I. “Then God said, “Let **us** make human beings in **our** image, to be like us...”
(Genesis 1:26a)
 - God exists in community
 - God creates in community
 - Image bearers are created and exist in community
 - *What are different community we are created and exist in?*

- II. “Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, “Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!”
- God entered a **covenant** with Abraham (Genesis 17)
 - Descendants of Abraham are within this **covenant** (Genesis 17:7)
 - Christians are descendants of Abraham (Romans 4:16)
 - “So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.” (Galatians 3:9)
 - *What do you think is the blessing God promises Abraham and his descendants?*
- III. “Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.” (Galatians 3:14)
- Jesus is the descendant of Abraham and **fulfills** the **covenant** (Matthew 1)
 - We are now children of God and receive an **inheritance** (Romans 8:15-17)
 - The Holy Spirit **guarantee’s** our **inheritance** (Ephesians 1:14)
 - *How do you see each person of the Trinity in this?*

SMALL GROUPS

1. What three people (real, superheroes, celebrities, etc.) would make the best human if put all together?
2. Why does God, as a Triune God, matter to us as Christians?
3. Does this impact our everyday life? Why or why not?
4. Read Romans 8:11 together, what does this mean when thinking about the Trinity?

TAKE IT HOME

Yea, God! *You and (at least) one family member are going to start making a list of all the things you see around you that you can give praise to God for. Every time you write something or say something say, “Yea (Yay), God.” Yea is an “expression of assent” and is more than “thank you,” it is recognizing God’s work all around you.*