

KIDMUNITY | This I Believe

Lesson 03: God The Father

Small Group Guide

Bottom Line:

God the Father is the creator, a just judge, and he calls me his child.

Memory Verse:

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

1 John 3:1

Activity One: The Trinity in Action

In Large Group, we learned that God is one God who exists as three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In this activity, we're going to look at four passages and see how the Trinity shows up in each one.

Have kids look up each passage in their Bible and read it aloud together.

Jesus' Baptism

Before Jesus began His ministry, He was baptized by John the Baptist. Something powerful happened in that moment.

Read: Matthew 3:16-17

Discussion Questions:

1. What happens in this scene?
2. How do you see the Father, Son, and Spirit acting in this passage?

Leader Emphasis:

All three are present at the same time. They are distinct Persons, not one Person switching roles.

The Great Commission

After Jesus rose from the dead and before He returned to heaven, He gave His disciples a final command.

Read: Matthew 28:19–20

Discussion Questions:

1. What three Persons are named in this command?
2. Why do you think it says “in the name” (singular) instead of “in the names”?

Leader Emphasis:

One name shows one God. Father, Son, and Spirit show three distinct Persons.

Paul’s Blessing

At the end of one of his letters, Paul gives a blessing to the church in Corinth.

Read: 2 Corinthians 13:14

Discussion Questions:

1. What does each Person give in this verse?
2. What does this show us about how the Trinity works together?

Leader Emphasis:

Each Person has a distinct role, but they bless together in unity.

Jesus Promises the Spirit

Before His death, Jesus told His disciples He would not leave them alone.

Read: John 14:16–17

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is speaking, and what does He say He will do?
2. What does the Father do, and who is the “Helper”?

Leader Emphasis:

The Son asks. The Father gives. The Spirit comes. Distinct Persons, one united mission.

Wrap-Up

Ask: What do all four passages teach us about the Trinity?

Reinforce: There is one God. God exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are distinct Persons who work together perfectly.

Activity Two: Clay and Creator

Supplies

- Two small containers of Play-Doh per child

Create What God Made

Give each child one container.

Say: “You have 3 minutes to create something that exists in God’s creation – an animal, plant, tree, mountain, fish – anything God made.”

After a time, have kids briefly share:

- What did you make?
- Why did you choose it?

Say: “You created something on purpose. You chose its shape and design. But God created everything from nothing.”

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1

Emphasize: God is the Creator of all things.

Create Something New

Give each child the second container.

Say: “Now create something that doesn’t exist. Give it a name and decide what it does.”

After some time, ask:

- What did you name it?
- Why did you design it that way?

Say: “When you create, you design intentionally. But God didn’t just create trees and oceans, He created people personally.”

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.”

Psalms 139:13

Emphasize: God formed you intentionally. You are not random. You were designed on purpose.

Discussion Questions

Kindergarten / 1st Grade

1. God made everything. What is one thing He made that you really like?
2. God made you on purpose. What is one thing you like about how God made you?
(Clay tie-in)
3. If God is a good judge, what does that mean? Does he make fair or unfair choices?
4. What does it mean that God calls you His child?

Leader Tip: Keep answers short and concrete. Affirm every response.

2nd / 3rd Grade

1. In the Bible passages we read, how did you see the Father, Son, and Spirit working together?
2. What is the difference between one God and three gods?
3. How does knowing God created you intentionally change the way you see yourself?
(Clay tie-in)
4. Why is it good news that God is a fair and just judge?

Leader Tip: Help them connect justice to fairness and trust.

4th / 5th Grade

1. Why is it important that Christians believe in one God in three Persons instead of three separate gods?
2. In the Trinity passages, what shows that the Father, Son, and Spirit are distinct but united?
3. What does being intentionally designed by God say about your identity and purpose? (Clay tie-in)
4. How can God be both a just judge and a loving Father at the same time?

Leader Tip: Let this last question breathe – it's a great theological tension.