

The Holy Trinity

Preparation for the Session

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In this chapter you will cover the following objectives:

- Understand that God asks us to be friends with one another, to be nice and to help each other when in need
- Identify Jesus as the Son of God who shows us the way to his Father
- Appreciate that God the Father loves us so much he sent his only Son to be with us
- Describe the Holy Trinity as God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, the one God in three Divine Persons

Read the **Consider This** feature. What thoughts or reactions do you have to the opening question?

Parents, Consider This: *Recall the first moment of meeting your child through adoption or at birth. This is a valuable source of prayerful meditation to appreciate God's love. If we can recognize how deeply we love our child, then we have a hint of God's love for us. The next time you pray together with your child, express out loud your love for your child.*

Read these other sections on the Family + Faith Page.

- *Your Child Learned.* This highlights some of the content of Sacred Scripture and Tradition in the lesson.
- *Children At This Age.* This helps you understand how your child processes and learns chapter concepts at this developmental level.



Let's Sing: These songs connect the session topics and can be downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

- The Sign of the Cross
- Glory Be to the Father

INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

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After gathering the supplies that you will need, find a quiet place to be with your child. This is a sacred time—a time when you will be present to each other and to the Lord. You may want to light a candle as you begin.



Let Us Pray Invite your child to make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the Psalm verse from the book. Help your child to respond.

Explain that when we pray the Sign of the Cross, we are marking ourselves and showing that we belong to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Say: When we were baptized we were called by name. God calls us by name to show his love in this world. Let's listen to a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.



Guide your child through the Preparing for God’s Word Ritual you learned in the Introduction Session or play Track 1 of the *Songs of Scripture* CD.

- Proclaim God’s Word in the Parchment Paper box on the page.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?

Invite your child to respond and also share what you heard.

Now, look at the *What Do You Wonder?* box.

Say: Each of us was given a special name by which we are called.

Invite your child to respond to the questions. Prompt what your child might wonder about the importance of his or her name.

DISCOVER: Learning God’s Truth

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Helping Others
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Read aloud the introductory paragraph.

Ask your child to listen to how the lion and the mouse solve their problem.

Read the story, “The Lion and the Mouse.” Cue your child to roar when the lion roars.

Ask: Why did the lion think that the mouse could never repay him? (because the mouse was too small to help a big lion) What did the lion learn? (even though you are smaller than someone else, it doesn’t mean you can’t help them)



Do the gold-star activity with your child.

Activity

Do the Share Your Faith activity. Discuss the second part of the activity with your child.

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The Lion and the Mouse
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Parents, Consider This: Learning to find joy in helping others is a value that is cultivated when children grow up in a family who happily serve others often and don’t expect a reward. Know that each time you encourage your child to join you in helping others, your child learns that service is a wonderful way to live

Invite your child to quietly think of someone who is a good friend to him or her and have them reflect on why they think that person is a good friend.

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God is Love
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Read aloud the first two paragraphs.

Tell your child that we can know God’s love by seeing how wonderfully we are made. Say that we can recognize God’s love in the things he created.

Have your child read over the Catholic Faith Words definitions **God the Father** and **Son of God**.

Read the last paragraph.

Tell your child that Jesus likes to talk about his Father just the way we like to talk about our family.



Proclaim the Scripture story, “The Way to the Father.”

Ask: How does Jesus show you God the Father’s love? (he cares about me; he wants me to know more about him; he makes me strong)

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Read aloud the information on the this page.

Direct your child to the Catholic Faith Word **Holy Trinity** and read the definition to your child.

Activity

Read the directions for the Connect Your Faith activity to your child. Have your child complete the activity.

Parents, Consider This: *Jesus Christ, God’s Son, reveals the Father’s true nature to humans in a way that no mere prophet or teacher, however good and wise, could have done. Jesus came bearing God the Father’s love. He sends his Church in mission to share this divine love with others. A family is where we learn to share that love with others. No act of kindness or forgiveness or compassion in your family is ever too small to reveal God’s love.*

LIVE: Living Our Faith

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Our Catholic Life
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Ask: What do we know about God? (God loves everyone; God cares for us; God the Father sent Jesus to the world to teach us how to love)

Read aloud the first paragraph.

Invite your child to follow along as you read the bulleted text.



Do the gold–star activity.

Parents, Consider This: *Though your child cannot see God, your child can experience God's presence whenever he or she is loved or loves. Point out a time when you've seen your child showing or receiving love. Remind your child that we can recognize God's presence in these loving moments.*

Read aloud the rest of the page.

Turn to Page 87,
People of Faith
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Read the paragraph about Saint Patrick.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- Talk about ways your family can show your faith in the Trinity.

Activity

Read the directions for the Live Your Faith activity. Help your child complete the activity.

Parents, Consider This: *God's love is greater than any love that we can show our children. The most important way you can show your love for your child is to pass on your faith to them. In your prayer this week, thank God for all those who helped you grow and taught you about God so that you have a faith to share with your child.*

Turn to Page 89,
Family + Faith Page and
conclude with the Let's Pray
prayer on this page.
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Parents, Consider This: *It's important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray the Glory Be (see Page 316), during your night prayer this week.*



To access and send an eAssessment to your child, go to the Student and Family section of aliveinchrist.osv.com.