

FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter introduces the Holy Trinity, the one God in three Divine Persons, and explains each Divine Person of God, what they do, and how they relate to one another.

God's Word



Read **Matthew 28:19–20** as a family. Talk about how each of you helps others learn about God.

Catholics Believe

- The Holy Trinity is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus is the Son of God who came to show the Father's love and bring us closer to him.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #253–254 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Patrick. He used a common plant, the shamrock, to explain the profound mystery of the Holy Trinity.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand God as Trinity

The Holy Trinity is the most basic mystery of our faith, but it is still a mystery, even for us as adults. Many Catholic children at this age have heard and said the words of the Sign of the Cross countless times. They are accustomed to hearing about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Still, your child may have particular difficulty understanding how God can be one and yet also three. This is a mystery that will continue to unfold as he or she grows in faith and in relationship with God.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

What did you discover about love when your child was first placed in your arms?

Did you feel indescribable love? That experience of love begins in the heart of God, for God is love. "When a family becomes a school of virtue and a community of love, it is an image of the loving communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is then an icon of the Trinity" (*USCCA*, p. 377).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name the three Divine Persons of the Holy Trinity.
- Show your child how we honor the Holy Trinity when we make the Sign of the Cross at the beginning and end of prayers.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Patrick, help us teach others about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in the Holy Trinity. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.