

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter examines the mystery of the Holy Trinity and the relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

God's Word



Read **1 John 4:13–14, 16** and talk about how each of you know and believe in the Trinity.

Catholics Believe

- The Holy Trinity is one God in three Divine Persons.
- Jesus, God the Son, taught about God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #253, 237 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint John of Matha, the founder of the Trinitarians. Saint John is known for his work in freeing Christian slaves in Tunis.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand The Trinity Because community is so important to many children this age, this is a perfect age to explore our understanding that God himself is a communion of Divine Persons. Your child is learning that community (and communion) between persons means mutual giving of self (especially important in parent-child and spousal relationships). This self-giving love is also evident in God's revelation of himself to us. The Trinity is a communion of three Divine Persons.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How important is it to live what you believe?

Most people want to be seen as a person of integrity—a person who lives what he or she believes. So, we must be clear about what we believe. “The Church hears the perennial questions that each person asks at some point: ‘How shall I live?’ ‘What values or principles shall I accept?’ ‘What norms shall I make my own?’ ‘What gives meaning to my life?’ To answer questions such as these, we turn to a wise teacher. Christ is the ultimate teacher, and he continues to be heard in and through the Church today” (*USCCA*, p. 330).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain how the shamrock helps us understand the Holy Trinity.
- Give examples of how the Holy Spirit has helped guide you in your life.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint John, pray for us that we may honor the Trinity by serving others at work, at school, and at home. Amen.



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