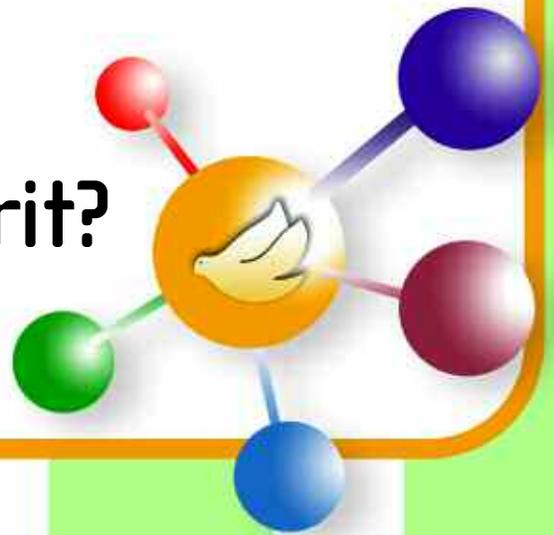


# HOLY SPIRIT DISCOVERY

## LESSON 1

### Why the Holy Spirit?



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## Who Is The Holy Spirit?

### Lesson Objective:

The person of the Holy Spirit is a part of the Godhead. He is equal with the Father and the Son because the Holy Spirit is God. In this lesson, kids will learn who the Holy Spirit is.

### Bottom Line:

We love God, He is our everything and we want to know all about Him.

### Bible Foundation:

John 14:16-17, Matthew 28:19, Genesis 1:2; Genesis 1:26;

### Teacher Insights:

"The Bible does not explain, but it does most certainly reveal the Trinity of the Godhead. It teaches that there is but one God, yet He has chosen to manifest Himself in three distinct personalities. That Jesus is a manifest personality distinct from the Son, yet one with Him. But it is still more difficult for many to visualize the Holy Spirit as a definite personality."

"So many speak of the Spirit merely as an influence or a power, a manifestation of the divine nature, an agent rather than a person. So often He is spoken of as "it." So many pray for the power of the Spirit, asking God to send "it" into their midst. This should never be. The Spirit is not merely an influence or a figure of speech. The Holy Spirit is a definite, distinct personality." (Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, Guy P. Duffield, and Luther U. Meier, from *Declaration of Faith, Unit Two*, p. 10, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Foursquare Publications, 1983.)

### Discussion Questions:

For individual study of the teacher or for application as you teach:

1. Read Matthew 28:19 Jesus describes God as being three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Why do you think it's important to understand who God is? We love God, He is our everything and we want to know all that we can about Him.
2. Read Genesis 1:2 and 1:26. How do we know that the Holy Spirit is God? He is seen creating the world and mankind.



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3. The word "Trinity" comes from two words "Tri" like a "tricycle" with three wheels. Tri means three. The second word is "unity" which means "oneness." How does the egg help us to get a picture of who God is? Three parts make up one egg. God in three persons.
4. Allow time for kids to ask questions. This is a big subject!
5. Pray with kids to ask the Holy Spirit to help them to understand what the Bible says about God.

### Memory Verse: (see page 3)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

### Object Talk:

Three in One (see page 5)

### Activities:

Game – Three-Legged Race	(see page 6)
Craft – Three In One Plaque	(see page 7)
Handout – 3 In 1 Puzzle	(see pages 8 and 9)

### Take Home:

Reinforce learning from this lesson using the Take Home summary (see page 10)



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## Memory Verse Activity:

Display on paper and have students look up in their Bibles Matthew 28:19.

Students stand or sit in circle. Students repeat words of Matthew 28:19 in clockwise order around circle. When you clap your hands, students repeat words in counterclockwise order. Continue, with students reversing the order in which they are repeating the verse each time you clap.



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## Object Talk

### Three-In-One

**Theme:** Who Is The Holy Spirit

**Teaching Point:** God is one complete being in three distinct persons:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Supplies:**

- One watermelon (if you wish to provide watermelon as a snack, you may need more).
- One hard-boiled egg
- A knife

**Scripture:** “Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19)

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him: but you know Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you” (John 14:16-17).

**Instructions:** Take watermelon and cut in half. Present profile of watermelon half to class. Ask kids what are the different parts they see (i.e. seeds, flesh, rind). Explain that a watermelon is not complete without all of these parts. Repeat the same with the hard-boiled egg.

With the egg, ask the kids if you could say that just the shell alone is an egg. Or does the yolk or whites alone make up an egg? It takes all three parts to make an egg.

God is three persons in One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each one is fully God. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. There are however not three Gods. The Bible says that there is only one true God (Deut. 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD”). Just as there are not three watermelons or three eggs, there is only one. And yet there are three parts that make up these objects.

**Prayer:** Lord, help us to understand who You are more and more every day. You are an awesome God and we desire to know You more! In Jesus name, Amen!



## Game

### Three-Legged Race

**Teaching point:**

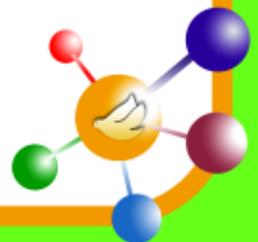
As kids move in this race with three people as one, explain that God operates as One God in Three Persons. Each person works in unity as they move just as the persons of the Godhead work together in complete unity.

**Supplies:**

- Small pieces of cloth or rope
- Masking Tape

**Instructions:**

Mark a starting line and a finish line with the tape. Have kids separate into teams of two, and have them tie one's left leg to the other's right leg with the cloth strips. On the word go, have them race in a straight line to the finish line. **OPTION:** In a smaller room have the teams race around an object (like a cone or a chair) and race back to the starting line.



## Craft

### A Three-In-One Plaque

#### Teaching point:

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are 3 in 1, this is a reminder that they are individual (the plates) but are one.

#### Supplies

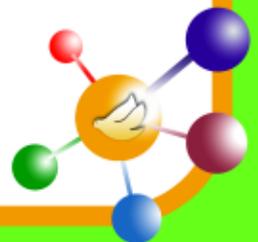
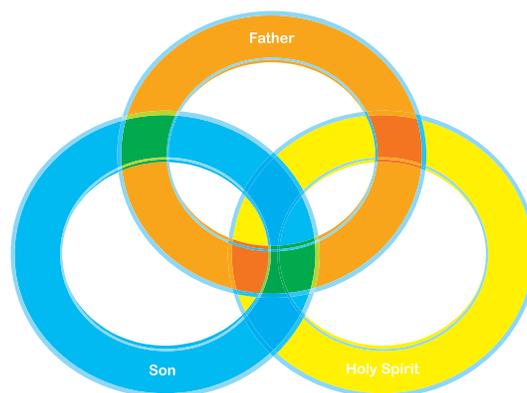
- Three Paper Plates per child
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers or Crayons

#### Directions:

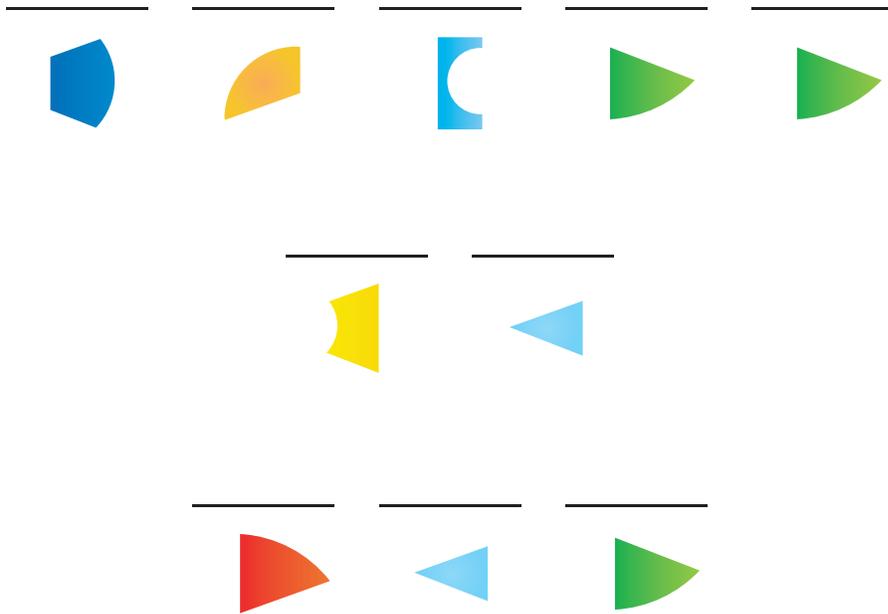
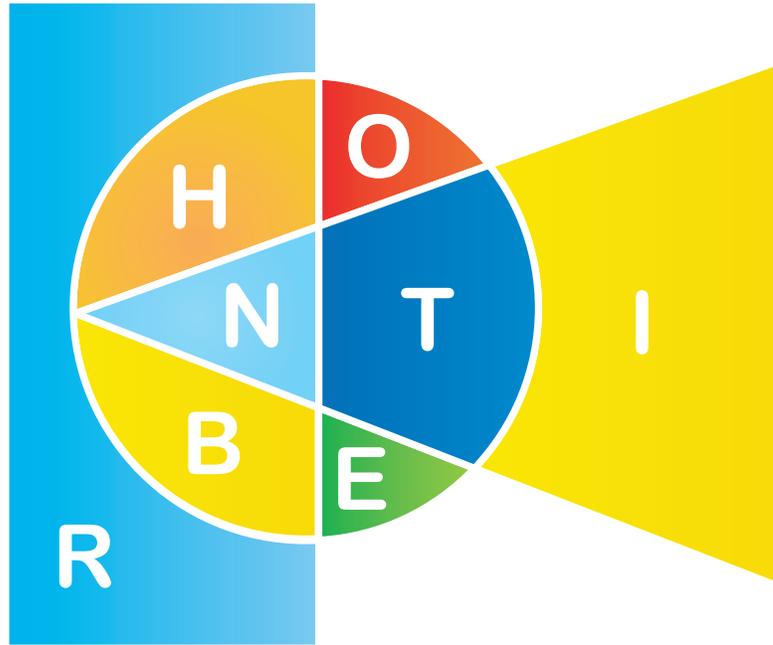
1. Cut the rims off all three plates, leaving the rims intact.
2. Cut a slit through the rims of 2 plates.
3. Slip the two plate rims around the third circle and make the three intertwining circles.
4. Glue plate rims in place.
5. Use markers or crayons to write "Father" on one plate " Son" on the second plate and "Holy Spirit" on the third plate.
6. Explain that God is three persons in one God.

#### Suggestions:

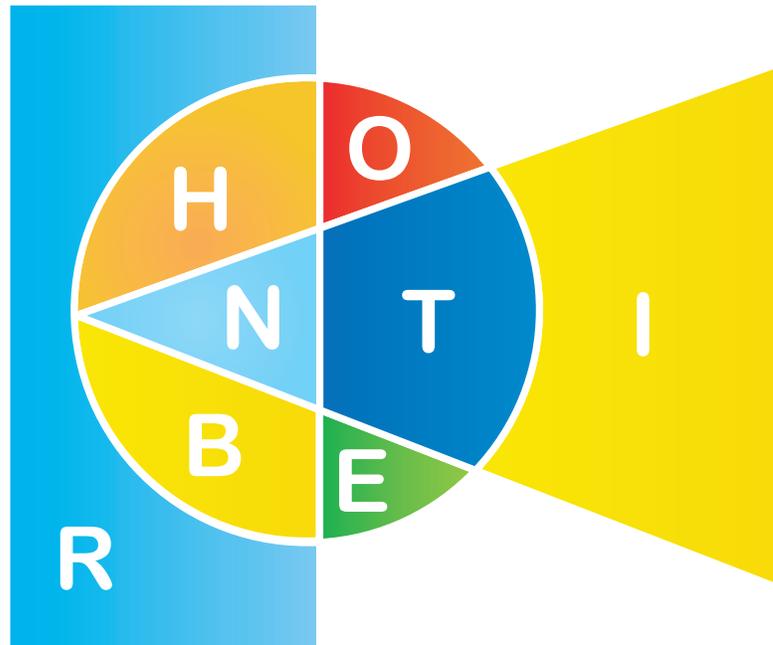
1. Use three differently colored plates.
2. Decorate the rim of each plate with a symbol unique to the person of the Trinity, e.g. A hand for the Father, a cross for the son and a dove for the Holy Spirit.



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### Bottom Line

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### Memory Verse

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We are learning about:  
**THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Who is the Holy Spirit?**

### Talk About It

Talk about these questions as a family on your way home or during a meal.

**Kid's Question:** How is the egg used to describe the Trinity?

**Parent's Question:** What are other examples of 3-in-one?

### Today's Bible Story is:

God The Father  
God The Son  
God The Spirit

