



THE WAY

EXISTENCE OF GOD

First Grade



Instructions for Using "The Way" Program

RELATES TO JESUS:

Jesus is the second person of the Trinity, we know there is a trinity because of Jesus' revelation. This shows us that God must be love (that is what binds the trinity) and reveals all of Jesus's actions within a familial relationship of God.

RELATES TO MY FAITH:

There is only one God, we do not worship multiple gods, or seek God as a genie, but go to the one who created all things and shows us what love is.

Follow the simple instructions below:

1. Watch Video on the website: .
2. Review the "relates to..." section to the left. This is helpful to understand what to convey to your child is important about this lesson. It will help make the lesson both an intellectual and a lived lesson.
3. Read through and familiarize yourself with the sample script.
4. Teach your child the lesson, either using your own words or the sample script.
5. Either discuss the questions with your child (best option), or have your child write out answers to the questions.
6. Have your child do the activities and/or do the activities with them.
7. If working with a parish return the appropriate material in the way they have requested.

Sample Script:

God is the title that we call the being that created us. He cares about us, loves us and wants the best for us. Some things about God are going to be hard to understand. For example, God is three persons but still really only one. Sometimes we use different images to understand this better. These are not exactly how God is but you can think of a three-leaf clover, or a triangle, or even a family (Father and a Mother and a child). In different ways each of these are three but also one. God is kind of like these. He is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, see how there are three persons? But it is not like there is really separation between them. They are so close that they act and think, and work all as one God. So while sometimes a mom and dad, or a parent and child may disagree with each other, or may do things separate from each other, God does not work that way. The three persons are so close that they are always just one, this is because of how great their love is for each other.

I know this can be hard to understand, and I don't fully understand it either. What I want you to know and understand though is who the three persons of the trinity are, and that they are one. So, we know the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Have you ever heard at Mass or at home when we are praying anyone say The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit? That is right when we do the sign of the cross. We start prayers this way don't we, we say, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We remember this important truth about God every time we pray to Him.

One of the Scriptures we can use to remember this is Matthew 28:19, Jesus told His disciples to go and baptize people. He asked for them to be baptized not just in His name but in the Trinity: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Let us practice doing the sign of the Cross naming the three persons of God. (Practice with your child the sign of the Cross)

Two things I want you to always know about this is: Jesus revealed to us the Trinity. When He was here, He wanted us to understand God better and let us know about the Trinity so we would know how much love God has for us. Also, that we only pray to and worship one God, not multiple Gods, and that this one God created and loves all of us.



Questions:

- How many God's do we believe in?
- Can you explain to me what Trinity means?
- Who did Jesus reveal were the three persons of the Trinity?
- What are some ways we can kind of understand the Trinity?
- The Trinity is three persons that love each other so much they act as one, what does that mean about God's love for us?

Activities:

Have your child draw a cross on a piece of paper, then have them label the cross, as if they were doing the sign of the cross, with the names of the three persons of God.

Draw a picture of what the three persons of God are like and draw them in a way that shows that they are one.