

Welcome to St. Peter's Virtual Sunday School! Easter Sunday 6! Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter!

While we cannot meet together on Sunday morning, we can still meet virtually to learn about Jesus by reading the Bible, talking about what we've read and doing some activities. Get together with your family and do these lessons when it works for you or phone your friend or Grandma who you can't get together with right now to talk about these lessons. Did you celebrate God's Creation this week? If so how? What heavenly creations did you make or draw to show your idea of heaven? I went for a walk in the woods several times this week. I love this time of year where there is all the new growth; tiny leaves on trees and many wild flowers.

Easter Sunday 6 (This lesson comes from Whirl Lectionary Sunday School, Year C Spring.)

It's the Easter season! During the Easter season, we remember lots of ways that God loves us. Think of the shape of a triangle. A triangle has three corners and three sides; like a tricycle has three wheels. And did you know God comes to us and loves us in three ways! God the Creator made us, God the Son (Jesus) saved us, and God the Holy Spirit guides us! Now let's learn more about the Trinity – that means God, in three ways. Take a look at the picture below. What are our video friends doing in these pictures? Tot is playing with snow. Ada is ice skating. Otto is out in the rain. Snow, ice and rain all have something in common. They are all made of water! Draw a triangle and write water on all three sides. Draw a picture in each triangle corner to show ice, snow and rain. Ice, snow and rain are all different but they are all water. God is not water but God is the same as water. In the Trinity, the Creator, Son (Jesus) and Spirit are all different but they're all God.



The Story: Promise of the Holy Spirit (Attachments: Easter Sunday 6 - 1 and Easter Sunday 6 - 2)

Before you read the story, “Never Alone” look at the pictures. Look at the faces of Jesus’ friends and look at all their different eye colours.

Read the story, and Ada and Otto’s questions and comments.

Questions to think about, answer and talk about after reading the story:

In our story today, who will be leaving soon?

What are the disciples supposed to do after Jesus leaves?

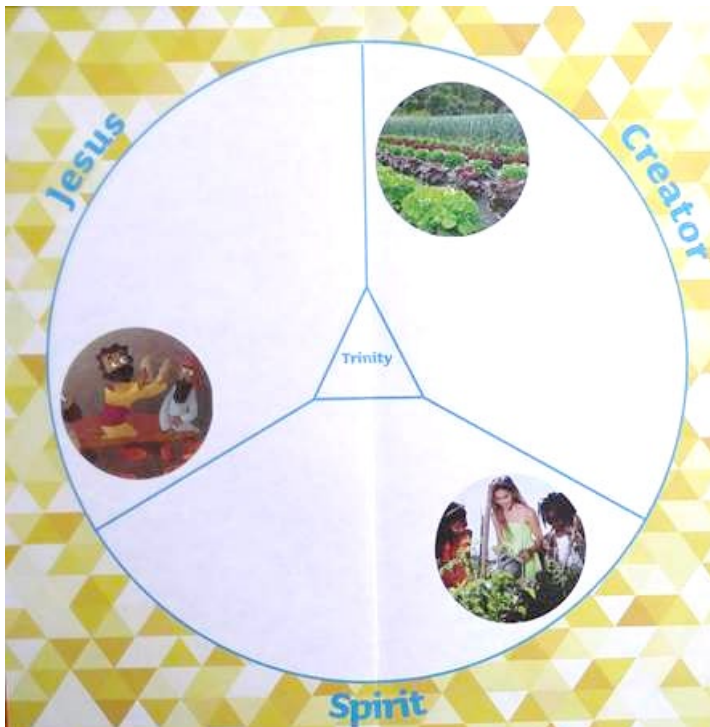
The disciples were worried. Look at their eyes. What do you look like when you are worried?

How can we remember that Jesus loves us?

Jesus used words to calm the disciples. What did Jesus say?

Easter 6 Activity

Take a look at the picture below (also attached). Do you see the Trinity? Who are the three parts of God’s Trinity? The Trinity is made up of three different ways we know God: we know God as Creator; as Jesus, God’s son; and as the Holy Spirit.



Look at the part that says Creator. God created the garden. What are some other things God creates?

Look at the part that says Son. Jesus taught the people lots of things. What have you learned from Jesus?

Look at the part that says Spirit. The Holy Spirit tells us that God is still working in the world. How are people you know doing God's work?

What have you seen God create? How have you gotten to know Jesus? Where have you seen the Holy Spirit at work? Draw or write about an example of each on a piece of paper.

Our God is a Trinity with three parts: God the Creator; God as Jesus; and God the Holy Spirit. We can experience God in many ways because the Trinity is all around us.

Prayer:

God the Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit; pour peace and love onto us as we pour peace and love onto others. Amen.

Other Activities to do this week:

An Apple for Trinity Sunday



Have you ever eaten an apple? Of course you have. Look at this apple. If you can, go and get one while you read this. It is one of God's creations. It can help us understand that there is still only one God. Name the three parts of the apple. (the skin, the flesh and the core). All the parts are uniquely different, but they are all one apple.

There are basically three parts - the skin, the flesh, and the core. All the parts are still one apple, yet they are all uniquely different. Each part of the apple – the peel, flesh, core – have different functions, yet are all “apple” and nothing else. The Trinity (three parts) of God – Creator, Son Jesus, Holy Spirit – are all God in different forms. Just as the peel protects the apple – God the Creator protects humankind and the world, an apple has flesh; Jesus was God made flesh and the core of the apple, like the Holy Spirit, contains the seeds. Just as seeds of apple trees grow in fertile, watered and cared for ground; seeds of faith will sprout, grow and flourish. The seeds of faith are just that; faith in God.

As devoted followers of God, we nurture and care for one another to keep the seeds of faith alive. Now nourish yourself by having a healthy snack and eat the apple!

Keeping a Promise

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would live in us to give peace that overcomes fear. What promise can your family make to share love with people, people that you care about, people you know and people you don't know?

Do you know we have a doctor who is helping to lead us through COVID 19 while we stay home? Her name is Dr. Bonnie Henry. Her wish for all of us is that we stay calm and stay kind. Sometimes this is hard to do but with the help of Jesus and the Holy Spirit (you're never alone) we can be calm and be kind to ourselves and to each other. Write your ideas on a heart-shaped piece of paper and tape it on a place, like the fridge, where everyone in your home can see it.

Have another good week.

Stay calm, stay kind and as always, stay home, stay healthy and stay safe.

Blessings,

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