



St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge



Family Activities: Sunday 7th June 2020

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Introduction: Children’s Church at St Lawrence with St Paul is not meeting in person at present due to the advice given by the Church of England to suspend services. However, the team is putting together a sheet each week for families to do ‘Children’s Church at Home’ and we are also meeting on Zoom on Sunday mornings at 1045am to go through some of the activities together!

We are very grateful to the Blackburn Board of Education and their ‘Weekly@’ resources which we are drawing on to help us to put together each week’s activities.

Please do e-mail Carolyn Barton at carolynbarton@hotmail.co.uk to be added to the Children’s Church private Facebook group and/or to be sent the link to the Sundays @1045am Zoom Children’s Church Meeting.

Theme: To clarify that the Bible describes God as three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that all three are equally important.

Setting the Scene:

Show lots of pictures of things that come in threes; traffic light colours, bears in Goldilocks’ story, primary colours (red, blue, yellow), triplets, wheels on a tricycle, triangle sides and corners, blind mice, gifts the wise men brought. Ask the children to look at the pictures and see if they can spot the connection.

Song: Sing and dance along to ‘Our God is a Great Big God’ at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSTfM8M2Md8>



Bible Passage: Jesus Talks to His Followers, Matt 28, 6-20

Have a look at this video or read the bible passage below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fr6Y89Zh0SU>



¹⁶The 11 followers went to Galilee. They went to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. ¹⁷On the mountain they saw Jesus and worshiped him. But some of them did not believe that it was really Jesus. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. ¹⁹So go and make followers of all people in the



world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of the world.”



Questions to ask:

- 1) Which part of the story or video did you like best and why?
- 2) Can you think of anything in your home that comes in sets of 3 or has a link with the number 3?
The Bible describes God as three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and all three are equally important.
- 3) Who do you find it easiest to think about – God the Father, Jesus the Son or the Holy Spirit? Why do you think that is?
- 4) In the passage, Jesus asks us to tell us others about Him. Has anyone tried telling others about Jesus or invited them to come to church – how did it feel / how did it go? Who could you ask?

Explaining the Passage (adapt for younger children):

This passage is often called “The Great Commission” – and includes Jesus’ very specific instructions to his followers to go and make more disciples and to baptise them. Today we are focusing specifically on the phrase that includes the “Trinity” and aiming to understand a bit more about how God is Father, Son and Spirit. It is a difficult concept even for adults, but it is important that we talk about the three persons of God and focus on the work of the Holy Spirit as it is just a week since we celebrated Pentecost. This reading provides an opportunity to think about how the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have particular roles and reflect upon different aspects of God. This passage also gives us another opportunity to highlight the importance of sharing the good news of Jesus with others and that the God who made us, then walked alongside us and died for us, is still with us today.

Prayer:

“Father God, thank you for sending Jesus to live on earth a human life and thank you for your Holy Spirit living in us. Help us to understand more about you and to tell others about you. Amen”



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Dance:



Have a go at dancing along to 'Glow' which has been a big hit this year:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4I14jwJyquc&list=PLjF0wwkjiOOoCYxsxPogyhIWhyqYljQl->