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# **INTRODUCTION**

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity or Trinity Sunday.

# HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

# WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity or Trinity Sunday.

# **OPENING PRAYER**

Glory to be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



# SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read **John 16: 12-15**. Later, reflect on the questions given together as a family, and share your responses with one another. (If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding).

Time for reflection and discussion:

- 1. Why did Jesus tell the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now"? If you had been one of the disciples, what would these words of Jesus have meant to you?
- 2. Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit will come and "... guide you into all the truth."? Why must the Holy Spirit come to guide them?
- 3. What is the Holy Spirit trying to say to you today?

In this passage Jesus speaks once more of the unique relationship there exists between the Father, the Son and the Spirit, the great mystery of the Trinity. Three persons, who share everything, even the divinity, so that there is only one God. It reminds us that we worship a God whose mystery is too big for us to understand, yet it is even more mysteriously it is amazing that God loves me and chooses to share His life and truth with us.

The Holy Spirit has come to lead us to the complete truth. This is not a promise to each of us personally, but to the Church as a whole. It is important for us to trust the Holy Spirit, despite the problems and challenges that we face in our personal lives and that exists in the world. Through the Holy Spirit, we know that Christ is with us always, to the end of the world. He wants to draw close to him. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to the truth, and to help us to trust that what Jesus wants will always be life-giving for us.

# FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Sunday Gospel. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

# The Work of the Holy Spirit

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." John 16:13 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15 (NIV).

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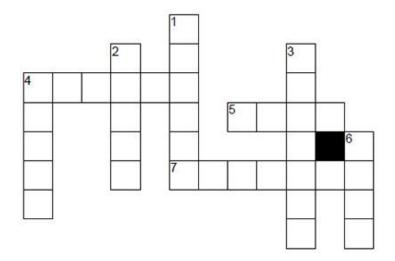
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bear	guide	hears	known	speak
more	Father	glory	say	come

# Activity #2: Solve the puzzle.

# The Mystery of the Trinity

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." John 16:13-15 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 16:12-15



### ACROSS

- 4. A supernatural being that can become visible (or audible) to humans
- To be familiar or acquainted with a person or an object
- To take something into your possession; to get something

### DOWN

- 1. A male parent
- 2. A fact that has been proven
- 3. To give honor, praise and glory
- 4. To use your voice to talk to someone
- 6. To receive sounds with your ears

RECEIVE	GLORIFY	KNOW	FATHER
HEAR	SPIRIT	TRUTH	SPEAK

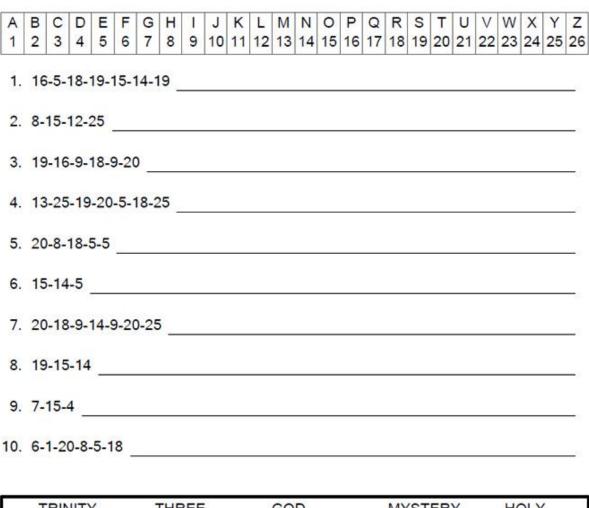
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# Activity #3: Break the code.

# The Mystery of the Trinity

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words. The words will be used in today's lesson about the Trinity.



TRINITY	THREE	GOD	MYSTERY	HOLY
FATHER	PERSONS	SON	SPIRIT	ONE

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# Activity #4: Write the correct word.

# **Our Spiritual Compass**

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. John 16:13a (NIV)

Look at the numbered clues, determine the correct word, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. Each numbered square will begin a new word. You can check your answers in John 16:12-15 (NIV).

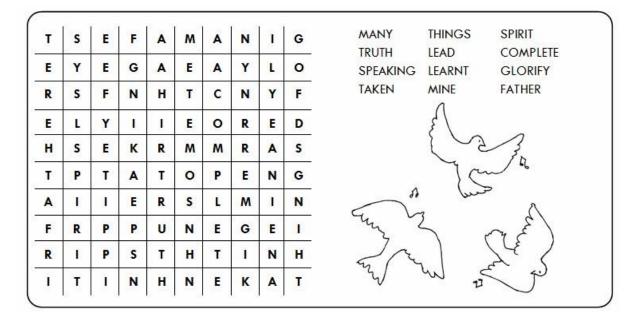


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- To receive a sound using your ears
- 2. To express your thoughts, opinions, or emotions orally
- 3. To show the way by leading, directing, or advising
- God coming to us without human body; The Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
- A statement proven to be or accepted as being true

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GUIDE	HEAR	SPEAK	SPIRIT	TRUTH	

# Activity #5: Find the words.



# Activity #6: The Holy Spirit Maze.



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# Activity #7: Enter the missing vowels.

# The Mystery of the Trinity

Enter the missing vowels to complete the words from today's lesson about the Trinity.



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3. THR			
4. S _ N _			
5 N			
6. MYST_	RY		57
7. G_D_			
9. P _ RS _	NS		
		THREE	

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# Activity #8: Break the code.

# **Trinity Sunday**

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

A	В	С	D	E	F	G	н	1	J	K	L	М	N	0	Ρ	Q	R	S	Т	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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9.	6-1-20-8-5-18 _			
8.	3-15-13-5			
7.	19-16-5-1-11			
6.	11-14-15-23-14	<u>.</u>		
5.	20-18-21-20-8 _			
4.	7-21-9-4-5			
3.	7-12-15-18-25 _		 	
2.	2-5-12-15-14-7			
1.	19-16-9-18-9-20			

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# Activity #9: One God Maze.



Follow the maze to match each of the 3 persons in 1 God with their symbol.



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# Activity #10: Colour the picture.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will suide you into all truth. John 16:13