

Children's Church
or
Sunday School
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BIBLE DOCTRINE
GOD THE FATHER

Objects to have: A chair; a book; hard boiled egg; a photo of you as a child, and of you with some of you children; A statue to use as an Idol, a photo to use as an Idol.

Introduction of lesson: Hold up the hard boiled egg. See this egg. How many eggs do you see. One, that is right. This one egg has three parts. The shell (peel the egg), the white of the egg, (open the white of the egg) and the yoke of the egg. There are three parts to one egg. How many eggs do we have? right still have one.

(Hold up the book) See this book? It is one book. It has three parts. A cover, the paper, and the print. All of these make just one book. How many books do I have? One, that is right. One book with three parts.

Bring out a chair. See this chair? How many chairs is this? Yes, you are right, one. This one chair has three parts; a back, a seat, and legs. Now, how many chairs are there in this one chair? That is right. ONE.

Hold up a photo of you when you were younger (a child). This is me. I am one person. I am my fathers and mothers child, (hold up the photo of you with your children); this is my children and me. I am a mom or dad. I am also your Sunday School teacher. I am one person but, I have three parts. I am my parents child, I am a mother or father and I am your teacher. How many people am I? ONE, right!

How many parts do each of these have? Three, that is right. The egg is one with three parts. The book is one with three parts. The chair is one with three parts. I am one person with three parts.

There is one God. He is our God. In our one God there are three parts. The Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Spirit (Holy Spirit). All three in one, like this egg is one. Like the book is one. Like the chair is one. Like I am one. Lets look at a story in the Bible that will help us understand this.

Long, long ago God created the Heaven and the earth. God has always been he was never started. God always will be, he will never end. First God made the light. Then God made day and night. After that God made the sky and the water, the earth, moon stars. Then God made grass, fruit trees, all the things that we can see on the earth. Do you know where animals come from? They were created by God. All the birds, chickens, turkeys, ducks, everything that flies. He made dogs, cats, lions, bears, cow, flies, bee's, lighting bugs, horses, zebras, monkeys, and all the animals that have ever been on this earth. After God made all these things God said. (Read this from your Bible) Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

Did you notice something. God says "Let us", "In our image, after our likeness". It sounds like God was talking to someone. The word "us" means more than one person. God is one person, one God, but he has three persons in one God. Like I am one person but, I am someone's child, I am someone's parent and I am your Sunday School teacher. Just like the egg is one egg but has three parts. Just like the chair is one chair with three parts. God is one God, with three persons.

I know the names of the three persons in our one God. They are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Today, I want to teach you about the Father.

God is a spirit. You and I can not see a spirit. All that worship God must worship him in spirit and in truth. (Hold up the statue that you brought for an idol). Some people kneel and pray in front of an idol or in front of a picture. They are not worshipping God when they do that. When we pray we pray to God in the spirit. When we pray we often close our eyes so that we don't look at anything because we can not pray to things but, to God. Who is a spirit. We don't have to see something to worship God the Father because there are no pictures of God the Father.

God the Father is perfect. He has never sinned. He lives in Heaven and sits on a throne. The Father is the King of Heaven, the King of glory. Just as a throne on earth is for a king or queen, Heaven has a king and that is the Father and he has a throne. At his throne stand angels called Seraphims. Each one of these angels have six wings. In Heaven at the throne of our Heavenly Father, these angels say "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of host, the whole earth is filled with his glory."

Our Father is very great. There is none on the whole earth that is stronger than our Heavenly Father. He is Almighty. No nation is stronger than our Father. No bomb is able to hurt our Heavenly Father. He is very great.

Our heavenly Father is able to see everything all the time. He sees us when we are home. He sees us when we sleep. He sees us at school, he sees us when we play. He sees us when we hide. He is looking at us all the time. He is watching us at this very moment. At night time, when we are in our beds, he sees us. He watches as we do good. He watches us as we do wrong.

Not only does God the Father see us but, he hears everything that is said. When we talk, he hears us. He hears us when we tell secrets. He hears us when we sing. He hears us when we laugh. He hears us when we fight. He hears us in the morning, He hears us at night. He hears us when we are at school. He hears us when we cry. He hears us right now. There is nothing that we say that he does not hear. He hears everything.

God the Father is every place. He is at church. He is at your home. He is in the mountains. He is at the lakes. He is in the back yard. He is in the front yard. He is in your room. He is in this room. He is at your school room. He is at your friends house. Every place that there is, he is there. Not only is he here but he is every place, all the time, at the same time.

Truly, our God the Father is very wonderful. This very wonderful and great God loves you so much that he let his own son die for us on the cross. Have you ever let Jesus be your Saviour so that this great God could be your personal Father. At the moment you ask Jesus to come into your heart this great God the Father, becomes your very own Father in heaven. He looks forward to the day we come to Heaven to live with him.