



At Student Life Camp 2023, we are going to unpack one of the world's greatest mysteries, the Holy Trinity. We will be diving into the identity of God through the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As we learn about the Trinity, we are going to discover more about who God is, and as people made in the image of God, who we are.

### THE FATHER

When the universe was created, God looked out over all of his creation. All of the animals, plants, and mountains, but it was only after He made us that He said His creation was good. Made in the image of God, we are His children. When sin came into the world, we strayed from God. He chased after us, determined for us to once again belong to the family that He made.

Our earthly parents are human and sinful, just like us. Our relationships with our parents can be strained, we can run away and they might not chase us the way we need them to. Or our earthly parents can leave, and that spot in our lives is left empty. God is our perfect father and His love is never failing. He is not a vengeful or cruel father, but one that is willing to give up everything to be reunited with His children.

**MAIN PASSAGE:** Luke 15:11-32 (Parable of the lost son) **MAIN POINT:** God is the perfect Father.

**WHO WE ARE WITH THE FATHER:** God the Father is our perfect parent with whom we can find perfect love. In Him, we are adopted into the Royal Priesthood of believers, set apart from the evils of this world and destined for the perfect Kingdom to come.

### THE SON

When Jesus died on the cross, something Earth shattering happened. Not only did Jesus take on the weight of the world's sin, but the presence of God came to dwell among us as well. Jesus is fully God, and everything that Jesus did reveals more about the character of God. Jesus loved lepers, prostitutes, and outcasts. He sought the meek and used them for His ministry in ways that are still countercultural. This same Jesus is the same Jesus that died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. This Jesus is the same God that created the universe and reigns victorious over Heaven and Earth. When we look at the character of Jesus, we see a man who humbled Himself to die for our sins. Jesus is the embodiment of God chasing after us as we run from Him.

**MAIN PASSAGE:** Luke 15: 1-7 OR Matthew 18: 10-14 (Parable of the lost sheep) **MAIN POINT:** Jesus is our Savior.

**WHO WE ARE WITH THE SON:** Through the Son, we are shepherded and cared for. We are rescued from the depths of sin and loved beyond measure. Through Jesus, we have been given the greatest gift to ever exist, the gift of salvation.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT

Before the death and resurrection of Christ, God's people did not have the access that we have to the Holy Spirit now. The Holy Spirit is one of God's many kindnesses to us. While we wait for God to return and create His perfect kingdom, we have access to God through His Word and His Spirit. His Spirit guides us and comforts us as we live life in a broken world. The Holy Spirit is present and with us as we study God's Word and seek to discern how to live our lives, in the little stuff and the big decisions that can feel so overwhelming. While we wait for the new Heaven and new Earth, the Holy Spirit is with us every second of every day.

**MAIN PASSAGE:** Act 2 (Peter's transformation of the Holy Spirit) **MAIN POINT:** The Holy Spirit is our Counselor.

**WHO WE ARE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:** Through the Holy Spirit, we are given access to the mysterious nature of God and reminded of the truth of God's Word. We are guided by the Holy Spirit as we grow in our relationship with God.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

