Lesson 2 – The Blessed Trinity

AIM: To help children believe in the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

Q. 1 How many persons are there in one God?
There are three persons in one God. The Father is first person, the Son is the second person and the Holy Spirit is the third person.

Q.2 What is mystery of faith?
Something we cannot understand but we believe because God has told us it is true. By a mystery of faith we mean a truth.

Q.3 What do you mean by Holy Trinity?
The mystery that tells us God is three Divine persons in one God. THE TRINITY IS THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

Q.4 What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?
You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (He gives us courage to tell everyone about Jesus!)

Q.5 What does the Sign of the Cross mean?
a. Praying. b. Opening ourselves to grace. c. sanctifying the day. d. commit the whole self to Christ. e. recall the Incarnation. f. Remember the Passion of Our Lord. g. Affirm the Trinity. h. Focus our prayer on God. i. Affirm the procession of Son and Spirit. j. Invoke the power of God’s name. k. Witness to others.

The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (we become people who have these characteristics in our lives).

Fill in the blanks:
1. A …………………. Is something that we cannot understand but we believe because God has told us it is true.
2. Jesus is the ……………….. of the Holy Trinity.
3. The father is ………………….
4. The ………….. ………….. is God.
   (Second Person, mystery, Holy Spirit, God)

WORDS TO KNOW:

Mystery: Something that we cannot understand but we believe because God has told us it is true.
Trine: Latin combination three as one
Trinity: The mystery that tells us that God is three Divine persons in one God; The Father, Son Jesus and Holy Spirit combined as God. Often it is called the Holy Trinity.

We pray: Glory 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.

Dear God. We know that we cannot fully understand how great and wonderful you really are. But we thank you for revealing yourself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit (a Trinity of persons) even though you are still one. Help us to learn more about you and the great love you have for each one of us. We ask this in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!

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Saint of the Day: Saint Theresa of Calcutta

This remarkable woman who would be known as Mother Theresa began life named Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Born on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, she was the youngest child born to Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu. She received her First Holy Communion at the age of five, and was confirmed in November 1916. Her father died while she was only eight years old leaving her family in financial straits. Gonxha left her home in September 1928 at the age of 18 to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland. She received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux.

In December of 1929, she departed for her first trip to India, arriving in Calcutta. After making her First Profession of Vows in May 1931, Sister Teresa was assigned to the Loreto Entally community in Calcutta and taught at St. Mary's School for girls.

Sister Teresa made her Final Profession of Vows, On May 24, 1937, becoming, as she said, the "spouse of Jesus" for "all eternity." From that time on she was called Mother Teresa. It was on September 10, 1946 during a train ride from Calcutta to Darjeeling for her annual retreat, Mother Teresa received her "inspiration, her call within a call." On that day, in a way she would never explain, Jesus' thirst for love and for souls took hold of her heart and the desire to satiate His thirst became the driving force of her life. Nearly two years of testing and discernment passed before Mother Teresa received permission to begin. On August 17, 1948, she dressed for the first time in a white, blue-bordered sari and passed through the gates of her beloved Loreto convent to enter the world of the poor. On October 7, 1950 the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was officially established in the Archdiocese of Calcutta. By the early 1960s, Mother Teresa began to send her Sisters to other parts of India. The Decree of Praise granted to the Congregation by Pope Paul VI in February 1965 encouraged her to open a house in Venezuela. During the years of rapid growth the world began to turn its eyes towards Mother Teresa and the work she had started. Numerous awards, beginning with the Indian Padmashri Award in 1962 and notably the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, honored her work, while an increasingly interested media began to follow her activities. She received both prizes and attention "for the glory of God and in the name of the poor."

On 13 March 1997, she stepped down from the head of Missionaries of Charity. She died on 5 September 1997. At the time of her death, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity had over 4,000 sisters, and an associated brotherhood of 300 members, operating 610 missions in 123 countries.

She was canonised by Pope Francis on 4th September 2016.
Bible Lesson

Parable of The Sower  (Mark 4:3-20; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23)

Q.1. Who does the sower represent in the parable?  
Ans. The sower in the parable refers to Jesus.

Q.2. Where does the sower scatter the seeds?  
Ans. He scatters them on the path, rocky ground, among thorns and on good soil.

Q.3. What is the seed?  
Ans. The seed is the Word of God.

Q.4. Who does the seed that fell on the pathway represent?  
Ans. They are the ones that hear the Word of God but don’t understand it and resists spiritual things. The devil comes and snatches what little he knows and prevents him from believing.

Q.5. Who does the seed that fell among rocky places represent?  
Ans. They are the ones that hear the Word of God and receives it with joy, but have no deep root and withers and dies.

Q.6. Who does the seed that fell among thorns represent?  
Ans. They represent worries and worldly life.

Q.7. Who does the seed that fell on good soil represent?  
Ans. Who hears the Word of God and keep it.

Q.8. Why do you think the people came to see Jesus?  
Ans. Perhaps it was because they liked His teaching and stories. Perhaps they were wondering what miracle they would witness.

Q.9. Jesus said, "Whoever has ears, let them hear." How can we be sure to hear what Jesus is saying?  
Ans. He wants us to listen to Him and practice what he is teaching. God says He esteems the person who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at His word" (Isaiah 66:2).

Q.10 Where do you think this parable took place? Which lake? Near which town?  
Ans. At the Sea of Galilee, near the fishing town of Capernaum.