

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
2nd Grade

4:00pm Welcome (Trinity coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)

4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box

4:10pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.

4:15pm **Chapter # 2 The Blessed Trinity**

Explain to the children that God the Father sent his own Son to us and that there are Three Persons in One God.

Our faith in the Blessed Trinity is central to our identity as Christians. Although we cannot fully understand this mystery, we believe that *“it is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds.”*

Catholic prayer often begins and ends with the gesture of the Sign of The Cross (*the first prayer*), reminding us of our dedication and dependence upon God. Mass begins with the prayer of the sign of the cross and there are various blessings that also recall it. Children being baptized are signed with the cross, the Confirmed are signed with the cross, as are the dead who are commended to God -- what God begins, he finishes. The cross, both as an action and as a physical structure, immediately brings to mind the great price that Jesus paid for our redemption. As with other prayer stances, the cross is a sacramental (not a sacrament) in the Church. **By this blessing we invoke the power of God (in Three Divine Persons) that comes through the cross.**

We pray before hearing the Word of God – as a sign of respect for God’s Word in the Gospel:

“May the Word of God be
on my mind, (we cross our forehead),
on my lips, (we cross our lips) and
in my heart, or soul, and (we cross our chest.)”

The action is the physical manifestation of a prayer, asking God to help us - to understand the Gospel (mind), to proclaim it ourselves (lips), and to live it in our daily lives (heart).

- *We Believe -*

Blessed Trinity = One God in Divine Three Persons; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

God the Father = 1st Person of the Blessed Trinity

God the Son = 2nd Person of the Blessed Trinity

God the Holy Spirit = 3rd Person of the Blessed Trinity

Mystery = a religious truth which cannot understand but we believe because God told us it is true.

Sign of the Cross = a prayer to the Blessed Trinity

There are copies of prayers the children will learn and pray all year in your folder.

- *We Respond* – Apple and book (provided by RE)

You can read “*A Picture of God – 3 in 1*” by Joanne Marxhausen, if you have time.

The Apple

Cut an apple down the middle from top to bottom. Show the students that an apple is; outer skin + center flesh + core seeds = three parts = one apple. Without any one of them, it wouldn't be an apple. The Trinity, too, works together as one.

4:55pm Closing Prayer – you can use shamrock from prayer box

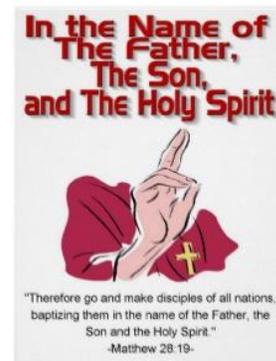
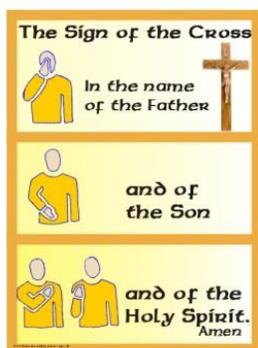
*“Even the plants of the field tell about God.
The shamrock has three leaves but only one stem.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
are not three gods, but one God.”*

“St. Patrick pray for us and our intentions.”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“How will God’s word stay within your mind, on your lips and in your heart?”

Catechist Background – images of sign of the cross:



In the name of the Father,
and the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.



Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



Glory 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.

