

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CTrinityx2019

Texts: [Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31](#) and [Psalm 8](#) • [Romans 5:1-5](#) • [John 16:12-15](#)

The proposed format for this Sunday is to find illustrations and special effects for the intelligences for the doctrine of the Trinity - not necessarily the Scripture texts as they appear.

[Trinity Year C, 2016](#)

[Trinity Year A, 2017](#)

[Trinity Year B, 2018](#)

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	How would we speak about the Trinity?	Holy , Holey , Wholly ! The word sounds the same, but the spelling changes the meaning; sacred, not complete, entirely complete. To, Too, Two also!	Use these words to re-write the hymn Holy Holy Holy. How do the sacred, incomplete, and shalom mesh in as we contemplate God's nature?
Eye - Visual/Spatial	How would we visualize the Trinity?	Celtic knots ! Or any other type of interlacing work; knitting for example. (see BODY sfx) Penrose Triangle - cool! Also sorta math smart. I think there is a lot of overlap between the two for the Trinity. Yes!	
Math - Logical/Mathematical	How would we think logically about the Trinity?	Metatron's cube? (mentioned in this blog) (much visual stuff in this actually) Overlapping circles grid according to Wikipedia	10 LET A=1 12 LET B=1 14 LET C=1 20 IF A>0 THEN 40 30 IF C>0 THEN 20 40 IF B>0 THEN 30 50 END
Body - Kinesthetic	How would we bring about the Trinity		Teach people to tie knots! Bring in some crochet

	physically?		<p>hooks and knitting needles and teach a simple pattern showing how the simple linear yarn can be manipulated into loops that then become a garment!</p> <p>Weave a Turks head bracelet or here for video. Turk's head is an endless knot of a single cord that appears to be three. (This is of course heresy to say about God, so be careful.)</p> <p>Triangle Dance - this looks like fun!! For about 30 seconds! Depends on the music.</p>
Musical	How would we sing about the Trinity?	<p>Holy, Holy, Holy God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian How Wonderful the Three in One</p> <p>Tuning forks in resonance Two identical tuning forks: strike one and hold it in proximity to the other, and the second will start to vibrate. Try it with three. OOOH good!</p> <p>Tuning a guitar, tuning a piano, tuning an orchestra</p>	<p>Hand out instruments and tune them</p> <p>Sing chords! Start with the base note and add the third, fifth, seventh, etc.</p>
Natural	How would we find the Trinity in the natural world?	<p>Seed - plant - fruit - seed The cycle of a plant's life contains three essences; seed that holds the plant, plant that produces the fruit, fruit that holds the seed, etc.</p>	<p>Pass out some seeds!</p> <p>Invite a master gardener in to talk about a plant's life cycle.</p>

		<p>Maker of Mystery (song that gave me the idea)</p> <p>Of wind, water, and heat energy, which one is really the hurricane?</p> <p>Of water, bed, and motion, which one really defines a river?</p>	
People - Interpersonal	How would we explore the relational nature of the Trinity?	<p>This essay by Debi Thomas addresses some relational characteristics of God. To wit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is dynamic - fluid moving “[God’s] coherence and his unity do not require him to be rigid.” 2. God is diverse - “Why do we fear difference so much when difference lies at the very heart of God’s nature?” 3. God is communal - “it is only in relationship that we’ll experience God’s fullness” 4. God is hospitable - “...not a middle school clique...” 5. God is love - “...unselfish sacrificial love..” <p>Can you think of a time when you felt deeply connected to another person? That deep in your soul kind of love for another person. Have you ever had that feeling for two people in the same moment? Now you might</p>	<p>Break into groups and discuss God’s relational nature and why it makes a difference in our personal lives and in our life as a church.</p> <p>Also, this quote from David Lose’s column, 2018:</p> <p>“The Father is one who loves, the Son the beloved, and the Spirit the love shared between them. No, it doesn’t explain the Trinity, but it does help us imagine and remember that the whole point of the Trinity is that God’s love is too big, too immense, even, to be described as the love of a single person, but is more like the love shared among a community, a love shared so deeply that it can’t be contained but spills out from the Trinity into the whole world and into our lives.”</p>

		be getting close to what God experiences within Godself.	
Self - Intrapersonal	How would we contemplate the reality of the Trinity in our personal discipleship?	<p>Lectionary Lab - Delmer Chilton mentions a Barna research report</p> <p>“A number of years ago the Barna Research Group reported a study that asked a cross-section of Americans what one sentence or phrase was the most important they had ever heard.</p> <p># 1 – I love you.</p> <p># 2 – I forgive you.</p> <p># 3 – Dinner’s ready, let’s eat.”</p> <p>This is pretty much the entirety of Scripture, huh?</p>	<p>Spend some time contemplating this passage from CS Lewis’ Mere Christianity.</p> <p>“ Imagine “an ordinary simple Christian” at prayer. Her prayer is directed toward God - but it is also prompted by God within her in the first place. And at the same time, as she prays she stands with and within Jesus as part of the Body of Christ (recall how Christians typically pray “in Jesus’ name”). In short, as this “ordinary simple Christian” prays, God is three things for her: the goal she is trying to reach, the impetus within her, and her beloved companion along the way - indeed “the Way” itself. Thus “the whole threefold life” of the triune God “is actually going on” around and within her, Lewis says - and as she prays, she “is being caught up into the higher kinds of life,” which is to say, into God’s own life, three and one, one and three (Lewis, <i>Mere Christianity</i>, 4.2).” (Adaptation from Salt+ essay: Threefold Life)</p> <p>Take a few moments to become mindful of your body. Now become mindful of your spirit or your emotional state. Now become aware of your mind taking in your body</p>

			and spirit. Which one is truly you? Which could you do without? Spend some time experiencing this unity within you that mirrors God.
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