

## *3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God* Bulletin Notes

The following summaries of the *3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God* Sunday School lessons are intended to be placed in the congregational bulletin or weekly newsletter to provide a Sunday School link to parents and the congregation. These paragraphs can be copied and edited from this Director CD using a word-processing program.

The first several weeks of the following quarter are also included. These paragraphs can be copied from the Director CD using a word-processing program.

Consider using these summaries:

- Print them in your congregation's weekly bulletin or newsletter.
- E-mail them as a weekly e-mail encouragement for student and parent Sunday School participation.
- E-mail them as a review e-mail follow-up to Sunday School each week.
- Use them in a "staying in touch" note or e-mail for students or families who are absent.

For May 31, 2015

On this last Sunday of the spring quarter of Sunday School, students study "John's Vision of Heaven." Those who believe that salvation has been accomplished by the all-availing sacrifice of Jesus' blood on the cross will bear the name of Christ, written on their forehead in Holy Baptism, and will have the right to the tree of life. Consider discussing, "*How does John describe heaven? How is the promise of eternal life in heaven ours?*"

For the Summer

General Bulletin Announcement

This summer, our Sunday School students will explore *3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God*. Each of the weekly Bible stories helps students discover something about our triune God.

Weekly Bulletin Notes

Week 1

Summer Sunday School begins this week with "God Made Us: God Creates the World." Students will learn how God the Father is the maker of heaven and earth. He made them and all creatures. Parents might ask, "*How are we different from the rest of God's creation?*"

Week 2

Today in Sunday School, students learn about how God sent an angel to help Peter in "God Made the Angels: An Angel Rescues Peter." As a family, you might discuss, "*How do God's angels also help you?*"

### Week 3

The dramatic account, "God Cares for Us: Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath," serves as this week's Sunday School lesson. Students will learn how God cared for Elijah through the widow and for the widow through Elijah. Parents could ask, *"Who does God use to care for you?"*

### Week 4

Today's Sunday School lesson, "God Protects Us: God Rescues Israel," will guide students as they learn how God protected His people from danger and rescued them from their enemies. Help your children apply this lesson by discussing, *"How does God protect you from danger and rescue you from your enemies: sin, death, and the devil?"*

### Week 5

Today in Sunday School, students explore "Jesus Is True Man: Jesus Is Born." Children will learn how God sent His Son, Jesus, to be born on earth so He could keep the Law for them and also be able to suffer and die in their place. Consider discussing, *"How was the birth of Jesus a fulfillment of God's promises?"*

### Week 6

In today's Sunday School lesson, "Jesus Is True God: Jesus Rebukes the Storm," children will learn how Jesus is the true God who stilled the storm. Families could discuss, *"How does Jesus continue to do the works of God in our lives?"*

### Week 7

"Jesus Is Our Savior: Jesus Suffers and Dies" is the title of this week's Sunday School lesson. Students will discuss how Jesus has redeemed them though they are lost and condemned creatures. Consider asking, *"Why was the death and resurrection of Jesus necessary?"*

### Week 8

Today's Sunday School lesson explores, "Jesus Is Our Lord: Jesus Ascends to Heaven." Students will learn that after Jesus descended into hell and rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven to prepare a place for all believers. Families could discuss, *"What does it mean to you that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us?"*

### Week 9

Today's Sunday School lesson is "Jesus Will Return: The Parable of the Ten Virgins." In Jesus' story, the wise women were ready for the bridegroom. Jesus helps us to be ready for His return. Parents could ask, *"How can we be prepared for Jesus' second coming?"*

## Week 10

In Sunday School, children will discuss, "The Spirit Creates Faith: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus." Students will learn how Jesus taught Nicodemus that the Holy Spirit works a new birth of faith through Baptism. Consider discussing, *"How is this true for you also?"*

## Week 11

The Holy Spirit renewed the life of the sinful woman, enabling her to show love for Jesus in this week's Sunday School lesson, "The Spirit Renews Us: Mary Shows Her Love for Jesus." As a family, discuss, *"How does the Holy Spirit renew your life?"*

## Week 12

In this week's Sunday School lesson, "The Spirit Produces Good Works: A Widow's Offering," the Holy Spirit helped a poor widow give a rich offering. Parents could ask, *"How does the Holy Spirit help you do good works too?"*

## Week 13

The summer Sunday School quarter ends with, "The Spirit Makes the Church Grow: Philip and the Ethiopian." The Holy Spirit led Philip to extend God's Church by helping the Ethiopian understand God's Word and then baptizing him. The Holy Spirit extends God's Church through pastors and other church workers. Discuss, *"How can God use you to extend the Church today?"*

For Fall 2015

## **Lesson 1—Old Testament 2**

For the next few weeks in Sunday School, the children will be studying true story of the life of Joseph. It begins today with the account of "Joseph and His Brothers." Though the brothers didn't know it, God would use their treachery to bring about His plan to deliver His people and ultimately to deliver us from sin and death through Jesus. *A family discussion might include, "How can hatred and unkind thoughts lead to hateful words and actions?"* On the cross, Jesus saved us from the hurt and harm of our own sins and the sins of others.

## **Lesson 2—Old Testament 2**

The account of "Joseph's Troubles" continues the study of Joseph's life in the Sunday School lesson for today. God was with Joseph; and in Christ, God is with us in all the situations of life, providing, protecting, and forgiving us. *As a family, you might discuss, "How do we usually react*

*when we are falsely accused of wrongdoing? How can we learn to trust Jesus to work out all things for our good?"*

### **Lesson 3—Old Testament 2**

Today in Sunday School, the children will learn how "Joseph Feeds Egypt" during a great famine. *Ask your children, "How do our sins cause suffering for both ourselves and others?"* God sent His Son, Jesus, to save all humanity from sin, death, and the devil. Discuss the reality that in spite of how awful life seems, Jesus is with us through His Word and Sacraments, caring for us always.

### **Lesson 4—Old Testament 2**

Today in Sunday School, the children will complete their study of how God worked in Joseph's life. "Joseph Forgives" and reveals himself to his brothers, telling them that though they meant evil, God used their acts for good. Our Lord Jesus Christ reveals Himself to us and forgives us in His Holy Word and Sacraments. *Families could discuss, "How was God with Joseph, blessing him through all that happened, the good and the bad? How has God turned bad or evil things in your life or world into blessings for your good?"*