

# St. James Faith on the Go

**Date: Jan. 8-15 The Baptism of Jesus**

**Message: The Trinity: The Perfect Coach**

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-32 The Baptism of Jesus**

**Materials:** Bible, Faith Journal, computer, writing tools.



## Opening Prayer:

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, who by His mighty power and love created me.

Glory be to the Son, Jesus, who humbly walked this earth to teach us the saving love of His Father.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, who made me holy at baptism, and blesses me with wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and wonder and awe.

May the perfection of the Trinity guide and support us on each step of our journey Amen.

## Warm Up:

When a player is on a team he or she often plays a certain position.

A basketball team has a center, forwards, and guards. What positions can you name for football? Hockey? Soccer?

Or if you're not into sports, the same is true for a chorus, a band or orchestra.

Each person has skills that make them a good fit for the team.

Sometimes a player might be good at two different positions. In baseball a player might play outfield sometimes and third base in other games.

Can you play more than one position? More than one instrument at a time?

Did you ever think of how many positions God plays?

You'll get a hint in the story of Jesus' Baptism.

## Gospel Proclamation:

**Reading:** Read, or have your student read the reading. It can be helpful to read it twice or have students retell what they heard..

## Discovering God's Message

When we make the sign of the Cross we pray to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Those are the three roles of God. We call that the Trinity.

Our reading today is special because it is one of the few places where we have the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in one passage.

What does the Father do in the story?

What does the Son do? And what does the Holy Spirit do?

Even though we call them the three persons of the trinity, we have one God who “plays three different positions”

**You** probably can't play three positions at a time on a team but you have different roles also.

You are a son or daughter, a student, a friend, a sister or brother, and many more.

Name the different roles you have.

What things do you do as a student? As a friend? In other roles?

How would you describe **God the Father**?

He is the creator. He always was and always will be. He is eternal. He made and loves us. He forgives our sins. Symbols for the Father include a hand or an eye.

How would you describe **Jesus, the Son**?

God promised to send the Messiah 800 years before Jesus' birth. He came to teach us about God's love and to conquer death by rising from the dead. He was a storyteller and healer. He knows the struggles of life and is our friend. One symbol for Jesus is a lamb.

How would you describe the **Holy Spirit**?

It is the spirit of Jesus and God living in us. The Holy Spirit came to us at baptism as it did for Jesus. The spirit offers us gifts (see the opening prayer) and is strengthened in the sacraments. The Spirit helps us know right from wrong and is our guide. It gives us courage when it is difficult to do the right thing. The symbol for the Spirit is a dove.

Together The Father, Son and Spirit are the perfect coach, teacher, and teammate rolled in one.

### **Putting the Message into Action:**

On the worksheet write the words to describe each person of the Trinity. You may decorate the shamrock when you are done.

Also included is an optional coloring sheet that shows the symbols for the trinity.

**Closing Prayer:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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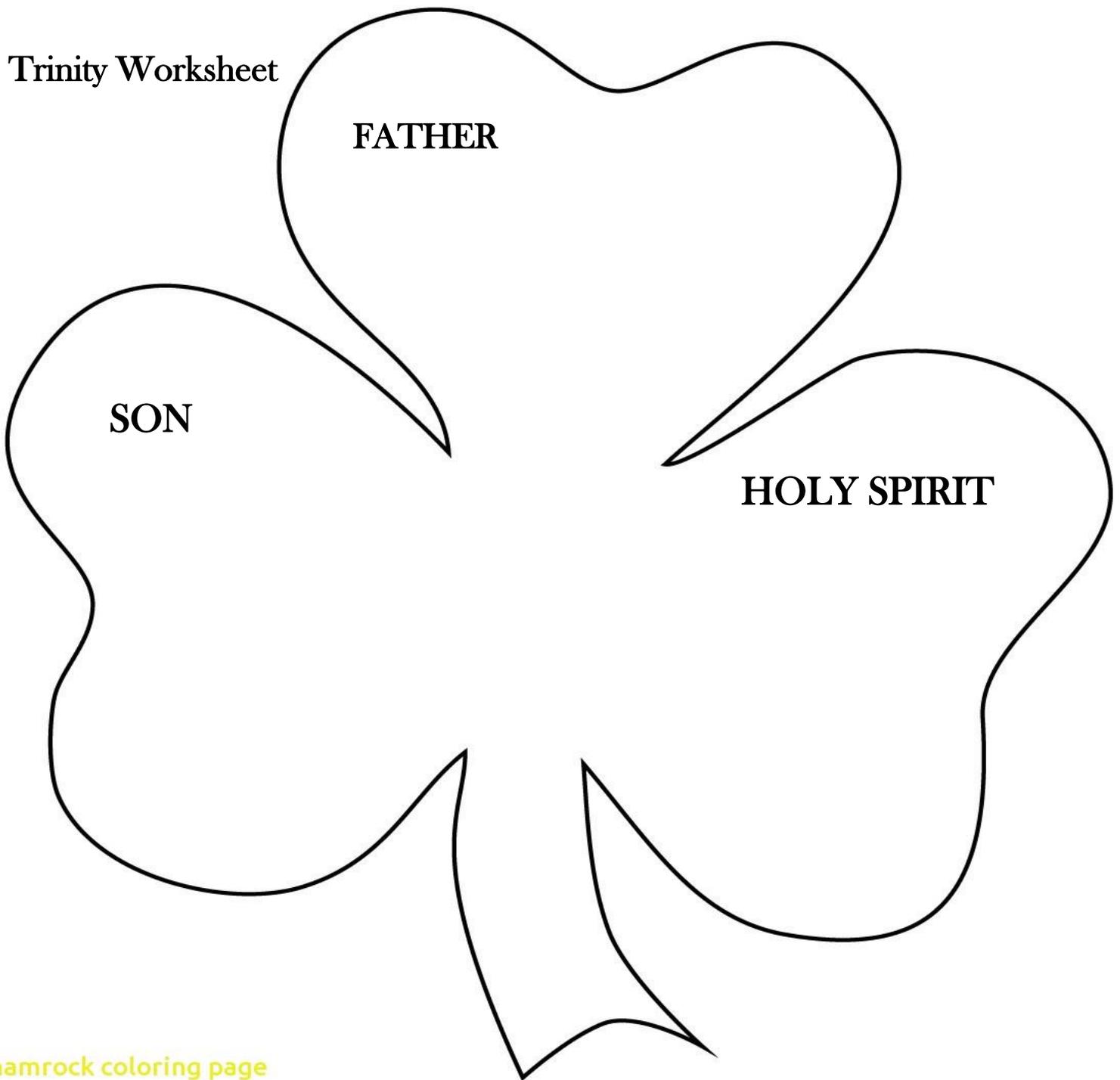
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**Respond:** Parents, please check your child's Trinity Worksheet. Then take a picture and email it to [familyfaithformation@sjnovi.net](mailto:familyfaithformation@sjnovi.net).

I welcome any feedback to improve our lessons for the future.

# Trinity Worksheet



shamrock coloring page

St. Patrick used a shamrock to teach that God is three persons in one. The following words describe the either the Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit. Put each word by the right operson of the trinity. Use your resources if needed! You may decorate your shamrock if desired.

- Helper      Healer      Guide      Friend      Creator      Teacher  
Giver of Gifts      Messiah      Loves His People      Forgiver of Sins      Lives in Us  
Lamb of God      Story Teller      Came to us at Baptism      Eternal

Take a picture of your finished worksheet and send it to [familyfaithformation@sjnovi.net](mailto:familyfaithformation@sjnovi.net).

# Trinity Symbols Coloring (Optional)

