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GOD IS ONE

AN ADVENTURE IN FRIENDSHIP



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GOD IS ONE

"THAT THEY MAY BE ONE, JUST AS WE ARE ONE" JOHN 17:22

Welcome to Adventures In Friendship!

The Daily Format:

I. Unpacking the Lesson

- The teacher will verbally and visually introduce the **Key Truth** that will be explored for the lesson. The truth should be displayed in class in a prominent spot so that students will be able to refer to it as necessary to complete the lessons and discussion points.
- **Scripture** is integrated in each lesson. Both the Key Truth and Scripture should be posted in the room for the entire Legacy unit.
- It is strongly recommended that teachers reinforce the Key Truth with **sign language**. Including the whole body to learn a lesson is one of the most important ways to cement concepts. Teachers will find the video demonstration of sign language on the website: www.aslpro.com. Select religious dictionary, and proceed from there. It is very user friendly.
- Students are given the **word of the day** and its definition in their Adventure Guidebooks and will write out a sentence using this word.

II. Adventure Guidebook

- Each student will have their own guidebook with exercises that complements the lessons in the Legacy "God is One" Unit. A Teacher Edition is included.
- The guidebook is divided into sections that correlate with each lesson.
- Team Building - Activity, Object Lesson or Craft: This segment of the unit is designed to give students the hands-on activities to reinforce the Key Truth for the day. Necessary attention should be given to the details in the discussion, which are designed to support the overall unit theme: **God is One**.

This is a good time to review the Key Truth with the sign language emphasis. This keeps the focus where it should be!

- The Legacy activities, object lessons and crafts in this unit are intentionally designed to represent quality so that they will be long-term reminders to the students of the truths that are explored in this week's lessons.

III. Adventure Game Time

- Fun interactive activities to reinforce the Key Truth of the day.

IV. Extra Fun

If time allows, we suggest the following Veggie Tales Movies that go with the unit's themes of unity and friendship:

- Are You My Neighbor? (:30)
- Sheerluck Holmes & The Golden Ruler (:52*)
- Duke & The Great Pie War (:52*)

*May be divided into two days because there is also a (:10) short story included on the DVD.





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LESSON 1

Learning Objectives

At the end of this lesson, students will:

- ◆ Identify God as One: a trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Understand how we become one through the work of Christ.
- ◆ Explain how the body of Christ demonstrates being one with one another.
- ◆ Experience joining together for a common purpose.

Unpacking the Lesson

- Introduce Key Truth: **God is One: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and we are one through the work of Christ.**
- Demonstrate and do the sign language motions for the Key Truth as follows: **God, one, Father, Son, Holy Ghost, we, one through work of Christ, Trinity** (www.aslpro.com, select "religious dictionary" or "main dictionary" to navigate the site efficiently)
- Teacher: Say and post the first scripture for the day.



**"Let us make man in OUR image, according to OUR likeness."
Genesis 1:26**

Adventure Guidebook

Have students write a sentence in their guidebook using the Key Truth. Next have them stand up together and read the Ephesians 4:4-6 aloud. Then have them take notes on the following object lesson.

Team Building: Three In One

Materials:

- A portable stereo or "boom box" with three functions, CD, Radio, Cassette Tape player (or if unavailable, something else that has three separate functions but is one object such as: a cell phone, garden tool, Swiss army knife, etc...)
- Scripture references printed out and displayed for the students' visual reference.



Directions:

- Hold up the “boom box” for all students to see as you explain its various parts.

Discussion:

Adjust your discussion of different parts and functions if you are using something other than a multiuse music player.

1. What do you suppose I have here? *(Yes, a stereo/CD player, tape player, boom box, etc.)*
2. How many of you or your parents have one of these at home?
3. As you can see, I only have ONE boom box here, but it is really THREE players in one. Let me explain.
4. First, my boom box is a radio. I can turn it on and adjust the controls to the radio station I want to listen to.
5. Second, this boom box is a CD player. I slip my favorite CD into the disc spot, push a button and voila! I am ready to listen.
6. Third and finally, this boom box is a tape player. I simply put in the tape in, close the door-press play, and out comes the sound!
7. I only have ONE boom box, but it is really like having THREE players in ONE unit!

Trinity Discussion:

1. We know from the Word of God that God is a union of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is three in One. Another word for this is the Trinity. Tri means three.
2. God the Father is the first person of the trinity. *“One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all” (Eph 4:6).* This is why Jesus taught his disciples to pray, *“Our Father who art in heaven.”*
3. Who do you think is the second person of the trinity? *(That’s right, the Second person of the TRINITY is Jesus. When Jesus taught the disciples, He was very clear that He and the Father were ONE. In John 17:22, Jesus says, “That they may be ONE, just as WE are ONE”.)*
4. The third person of the TRINITY is the Holy Spirit. When Jesus was about to ascend into Heaven, He told His disciples that the Father would send them a comforter and teacher that would be with them forever. This comforter is the Holy Spirit.



5. Right from the beginning in the Bible, we see that God is one. In **Genesis 1:26**, Scripture says, “Let US make man in OUR image, according to OUR likeness.” Who do you think Us and Our represents? *(That’s right: God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.)*
6. The very first complete example of unity in the Bible is God!
7. Unity is very important to God, especially unity in relationships.
8. Both the Old and New Testaments teach the Unity of God. Let’s review now. What is it that you have learned about the Trinity?

God is one: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God is a communion, or union of persons.

God is the most complete example of a relationship of unity.

Body Affect

Have the students stand and do the following chant. You can have them march around the class area several times if you like (like soldiers when they are marching) to remember the Trinity.

Teacher Lead

We all know about the Three
They are called the Trinity
Father
Son

Student Echo

We all know about the Three
They are called the Trinity
Father
Son

All together: Holy Spirit.....That’s all ONE!

Teacher: “In conclusion, just as there are three parts to one unit (like the boom box I showed you), there are three persons in the one true God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.”

Adventure Game Time: The Human Knot

Directions:

- Have students divide into male and female groups and form circles.
- Every student puts his/her left hand in the middle of the circle.
- Each person is to hold hands with someone in the circle, but **not** the person who is directly next to them.
- Repeat the process with the right hand holding someone’s hand, again, not the one next to them.
- A 1 foot buddy rope can be used to avoid arm twisting if desired.
- The group is to use teamwork to unravel themselves from this human knot **WITHOUT** becoming disconnected!



Helpful Hint: To ensure that everyone is in the same circle, send a “pulse.” One person begins by gently squeezing their right hand. The person who is squeezed gently squeezes their opposite hand which passes the pulse to the next person. Continue until the first person has their second hand squeezed.

Discussion:

1. Was your ONE group successful in their task?
2. Did everyone participate?
3. Did you communicate effectively?
4. In what ways did you act together as ONE to solve the challenge?
5. Did anyone feel frustrated during the activity? How did you deal with this?
6. Remember, in order to maintain oneness in Christ, communication is key!

Adventure Guidebook

Students are to complete Page Four of Lesson One. Review the student’s answers as a class. Allow for honest dialogue, keeping it respectful to all students (without using classmate’s names please).

Wrap Up/Review

Review Key Truth in Sign Language with the students and end your time in prayer, asking God to show each student how they might learn to show love to one another and ways to build unity.

