

The Trinity & God Our Father

Opening Prayer Heavenly Father, we thank you for this time together to talk about You. Help us to grow in our understanding of who you are and what you've done. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Fill in the Blank—Responding to the Talk in the Big Room

- What is the greatest mystery of the Christian faith? The _____
- What does the word *Trinity* mean? _____ in _____
- Where do the Scriptures reveal God as triune? _____:19
- The three ways God reveals Himself to us: _____, _____, and _____.

This is Most Certainly True (Bible Time)

As we talked about God being our Father, we explored three reasons why we call Him "Father." Let's take a look at the following passages and match them up with the way we talked about God being our Father while we were in large group. Draw lines from the verses on the left to the reason on the right that matches. Multiple verses will match with certain reasons.

Matthew 6:25-34

John 3:16

John 15:16

John 20:17

Galatians 3:26

Ephesians 3:14-15

Eternal Father of the Son of God

Father of All Christians, through Christ

Provides for All People as Father

Situation Time

Talk about the following situations with your group. Take notes on what you discuss!

Situation #1: The Roberts family from across the street invite your family over for a bbq and some pool time after church on Sunday. Mr. Roberts is talking with your parents about church and he seems pretty curious and is not being aggressive. He says to one of your parents, "You guys go to *Trinity* Klein Lutheran Church, right? That's one thing I've never been able to quite understand: the Trinity. How can God be one and three at the same time?" Your parent looks at you (because you've just talked about this at confirmation). What would you say to Mr. Roberts in light of what we've talked about tonight?

Situation #2: Your friend Jessica has had a tough life. Her mom left her dad when she was six because he abused the family. If that's not bad enough, her father died just last year. Your family brought her to church and it was Jessica's first time ever going. Everything seemed to go well when you dropped her off at her house after lunch. You catch her at school on Monday and ask her what she thought about church. She says, "It was really nice. Everyone was so nice. The only thing I didn't really like was how much you guys called God "father." Fathers are bad people. Why can't we just call God...well, God?" Using some things we've talked about tonight, how would you respond to Jessica?

Share Highs and Lows

Closing Prayer Heavenly Father, we thank You for bringing us together as a crew to learn more about You. Help us as we go to continue to learn what it means that You are our Father. In Jesus' name. Amen.