

BIBLE STORY SHEET

Wk 2 - Bible Story Sheet

READ the Bible story below, allowing kids to fill in their **Detective Notes Sheets** as directed.

We're solving a mystery and using the Bible to answer some of the questions we have about God. As we read the story, we'll collect clues, so listen carefully!

God is God, and there is no one like Him. He has always been, and He will always be. He knows everything, can do anything, and is everywhere all at once! God does not have a body like a person that we can see, but God is very real. One of the greatest mysteries is that God is three in one! I'm going to read you some things from the Bible, and you listen for something you think could be a clue.

We see God as three in one at the very beginning of the Bible when God created the world. Do you think God's creation could be our first clue to how God works as three in one? (Yes) Yes it is, so go ahead and draw something that you know God created in your first magnifying glass—it could be anything from planets and stars to plants, animals, or people. (POINT to first magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet) You draw while I tell you how we see the different parts of God in creation.

We can read in Genesis that God the Father spoke the world into existence, and God the Spirit watched over the deep, dark water. And we can read in the book of John that Jesus was there at the beginning of creation, too. That is why on the sixth day, God said, "Let US make man to reflect OUR own image."

Another way we know that God is three in one is through Jesus. When it was time for Jesus to come to Earth, God the Father sent an angel to Mary with a special message. She would be the mother of Jesus, and he would be God's Son! So, Jesus was born on Earth as a person, just like us, but He was still God! Do you think baby Jesus could be our second clue to solving this mystery? (Yes) Yes! So draw baby Jesus in the manger on your second magnifying glass. (POINT to second magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet)

Because Jesus was God, Jesus lived a perfect life and never sinned or did anything wrong. Jesus walked and talked on Earth to show us what God is really like, and then He died on the cross for the sins of all people and came back to life.

When Jesus went back to heaven to be with the Father, He promised to send us a helper, His Holy Spirit, to live in our hearts. So what shape do you think we could draw for our last clue? (A heart) Draw a heart in your last magnifying glass (POINT to third magnifying glass on a child's Detective Notes Sheet), because when we begin following Jesus, His Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts. The Holy Spirit helps us trust Jesus and remember what He said so that we can follow Him each day.

These three clues show us how God is one God made up of three different persons—(POINT to first magnifying glass) God the Father, (POINT to second magnifying glass) God the Son, who is Jesus, and (POINT to third magnifying glass) God the Holy Spirit. Each of the three persons of God do different things, but they are all one God.

We can't fully understand the mystery of God being three in one, but we can know that God is real, God is God, and there is no one like Him! Great job solving our mystery today, friends! Let's say what we've learned all together:

God Is Three in One