

SOLT for Kids! Ready, Set, Live!

IMITATE MARY BECOME LIKE JESUS LIVE FOR THE TRINE GOD

Purpose & Meaning of Life – Facilitation #1

Note to Facilitators: In your personal prayer time please pray ask Our Lady to give you her heart for these little ones. Praying a Rosary for all of the children you will be forming is especially helpful. You will probably want to keep these children as a perpetual intention in your daily prayers; these precious souls are depending upon you.

At the first meeting, you will establish a Notebook/Binder in which all teachings are kept. These should be brought to each meeting. As these materials are geared for younger children (12 and under), you may wish to involve older children in the actual facilitation process (perhaps a Junior Facilitator Folder?). This will enable them to reap the benefits of the teaching, while investing them with responsibility to pass on the Faith to those who are younger/less formed than themselves.

Prayer:

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

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, pray for us.

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

The prayer we just prayed is a very important prayer, isn't it? What is it called?

[The Our Father or the Lord's Prayer]

Who was the first person to ever pray the Lord's Prayer? [Jesus!]

Yes! It was Jesus. His followers, the disciples had asked Him to teach them to pray and Jesus prayed the Our Father. Speaking of His disciples, I wonder if anyone can tell me who the first, best and most faithful disciple was? Some people might think it was Peter or John, and that would be a good guess—but that isn't it.

[It was Mary!]

Mary was the first one ever to believe in Jesus. When the angel Gabriel told her she would be the Mother of God, she believed. She believed in Him before He was even born. How beautiful Our Blessed Mother is! God had a very special plan for her life, just like He does for all of you, and she followed it perfectly. That is why we want to imitate her—because she lived the will of God for her life perfectly. We want to be like Mary!

We want to become just like Jesus. He told us in the Gospel of Matthew: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." [Matthew5:48]

But how can we do that, you might say? No one is perfect except for God. Well, it is true that if we try it on our own we are sure to fail. But Jesus also said in the Gospel of Mark:

"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." [Mark 10:27]

So we need to learn those two verses this week and claim them as truth for our lives. To claim a scripture means you claim that it is true and believe that it can help you in your life of faith to become more perfect and more like Jesus and Mary.

Now I will say those memory verses again and you repeat them after me, please. [Repeat verses.]

Don't you think Mary knew scripture and claimed it? Sure she did! Mary was in the Mind of God before time ever began and so were you. Did you know that? You are here because God decided you would be here. Before the earth was even here, before time ever began, YOU were in the Mind of God. That means you were in the Mind of not just one, not just two, but THREE Divine Persons. Another name for God is the Holy Trinity.

As Catholics, we believe that there is One God in Three Divine Persons. They all love one another perfectly and live together in perfect unity forever. And what do we call these three persons, again? [The Trinity] The perfect love and union they share is called "communion". God wants us to have communion too!

What are the Names of these Three Divine Persons in the Holy Trinity?

[Father, Son (Jesus), Holy Spirit]

Is there any member of the Trinity that is better than another? [No.]

Is there any member of the Trinity that is smarter or bigger than another? [No.]

We say that they are equal to one another in glory and that “their majesty [is] coeternal.”¹

That is just saying that they are all just as beautiful as one another.

Well, today we are going to learn about something very exciting...

We are going to learn about when God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—first thought of you!

Just like the Blessed Mother, you were in the Mind of God before the beginning of time.

WOW!!! That is a beautiful thought, isn't it? God loves you so much, that He has been thinking of you forever. You must be very special to Him if he has been thinking of you forever. God the Father wanted you to know just how special you are to Him, and that is why He sent Jesus to die for you. Jesus wanted you to never be alone and, to show you how much He loves you, He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, and He stays with us in the Eucharist. So that is the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

We were just talking about the Trinity, right?

Well, long ago, before the beginning of time there was a counsel. A counsel is an important meeting. This was the Counsel of the Most Holy Trinity. This was when it was decided that you would be. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit made a plan for you, and decided that you would be very important in the work of telling others about Jesus and living a holy life. Only you can do the things God has planned for your life—no one else will ever be like you or be able to do what God has asked you to do for His Kingdom. Your life has a great purpose and meaning, just because God chose you to be you! That is GREAT NEWS! Your life has purpose and meaning, just because God chose you to be you! **Transforming**

Here is a song to remind us of how the Blessed Trinity has always loved us. Listen the first time and then sing along!

¹ CCC, 266

Meditation/Action Song

I'm a Plan of God

*Way back yonder in eternity,
at the Counsel of the Most Holy Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit made a plan for
me,
I'm a child, I'm a plan of God!*

*****REFRAIN*****

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I'm a child, I'm a child, I'm a plan of God.
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me,
I'm a child, I'm a plan of God.***

*There's never-ever been another one like
me,
And there won't be for all of eternity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit said that I would
be,
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HANDOUT – QUESTIONS

What does this song mean to me?

Has God always loved me?

Does He love me now?

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Will He always love me?

If I don't do God's plan for my life will someone else do it?

How will I try to do God's will in my life this week?

How can I try to cooperate with God to become the saint He created me to be?

Living – Assignment for the Week

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- Learn our memory verses
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- Remember that we are loved by God
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- Imitate Our Blessed Mother and pray
- Ask Jesus to give us a heart like His

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Closing Prayer

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Scripture to Claim

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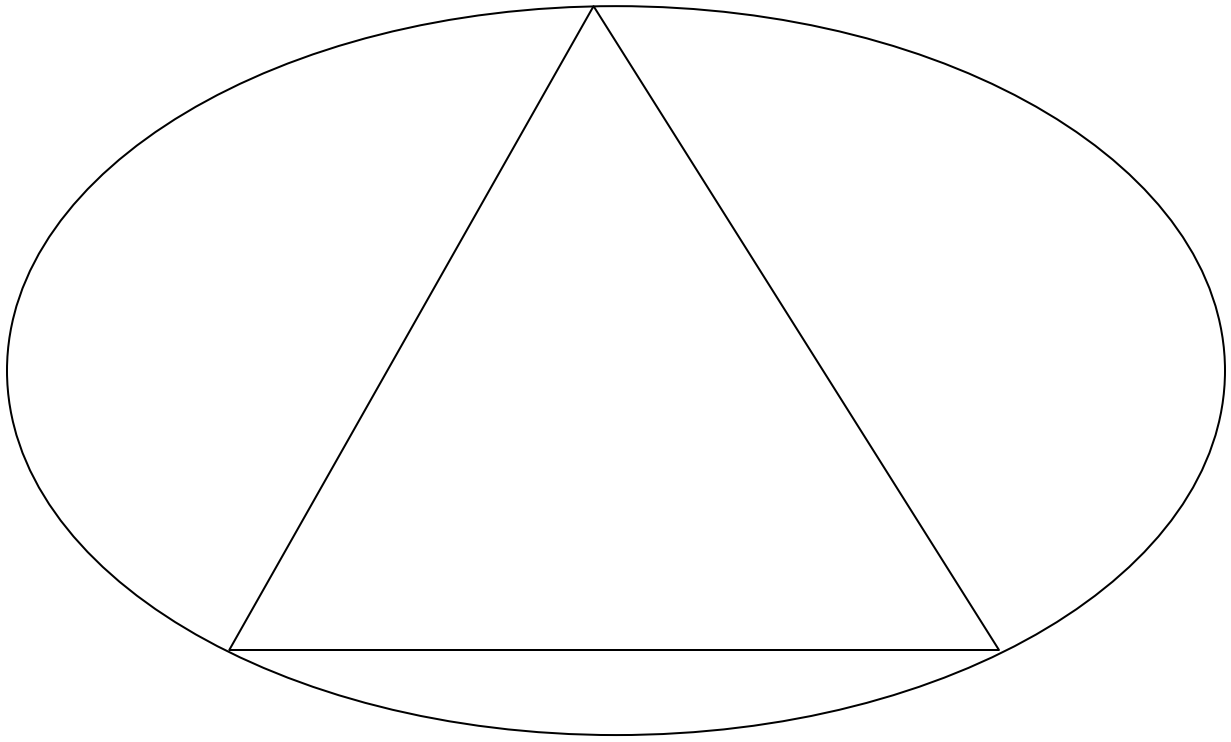
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Counsel of the Most Holy Trinity

This is me in the Mind of God!



I have always been in the Mind of God!