

Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith

Lesson Plan

Trail Three, Session 10 = Spirit of the Holy Trinity

(Plan for a short refreshment break at some point)

References:

Trail Guide for Leaders	Page 209
Trail Guide for Hikers	Page 76

1. Prayer:

- a. Open with reading the Nicene Creed on page 76.

2. Trail Talk:

- a. What did you learn about yourself or the Holy Spirit in your action assignment this week?
- b. What discoveries or insights did you find in the Bible readings?
- c. Complete and discuss Q1: What would you write about the Holy Spirit if you were to create your own statement of faith? "I believe in the Holy Spirit, who....."

3. Who is the Spirit?:

- a. Notice that we did not begin with "What is the Spirit?" In the Bible Spirit is a Who!
- b. The Hebrew word for Spirit is "ruach. It is used 350 times in the OT. The NT Greek word is "pneuma" (i.e. pneumatic, pneumonia)
- c. Complete Q3 on page 77.

4. The Spirit as Person:

- a. Can you think of the Holy Spirit as "person". Does the Holy Spirit "speak" through humans?

Q4: When you try to picture the Holy Spirit, what images come to mind?

- b. Without a doubt the Holy Spirit is more difficult to visualize as person than is God the Father or Jesus Christ the Son, but the Spirit is always a personal presence.

5. The Spirit of the Holy Trinity:

- a. What is your favorite way of describing the Holy Trinity?

one in three, three in one, solid-liquid-gas, child-parent-sibling, body-mind-will, root-shoot-fruit.

b. Q6 (page 79)

c. Read next to last paragraph on page 61 which begins “In a nutshell...”

6. Moving On:

a. Review what we have covered this week.

b. Assignments for Next Week

(1). Reading Assignment:

(a) As you read the chapter for next week (pages 83-91 underline or highlight special thoughts and answer the questions in the Q boxes.

(b) Complete the daily Bible readings and place your reflections, questions and insights.

c. Action Assignment:

(1) Complete the Action Assignment on page 81.

(2) Begin each day by singing “Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me, melt me, mold me, fill me, use me, Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!”

7. Closing Prayer

8. Closing Word: “See you on the path!”