

Today is what we call Trinity Sunday and Vacation Bible School Sunday. Actually, I think they fit together pretty well. We are called to look at the world around us; particularly the church and see how The Spirit can “ glorify Jesus. The Trinity is three parts of the same God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

When I say Spirit or Holy Spirit, I want you to think of the best friend ever. That is what we find in The Holy Spirit.

This week, I witnessed the Holy Spirit at work.

I heard you even learned the Hebrew alphabet and played games that they played in Jesus’ time. I think you learned

It was a great blessing to watch everyone interact and learn about the culture that Jesus grew up in; it was as though I was transported back in time to Jerusalem when Jesus was alive.

Now, I need your help to remember each day, where are my helpers? Every day there was a Bible point, bible verse, and character. I think we learned to say something each time we hear our Bible Points. What do we say again? Hello dolly? Bippity boppity boo? Oh yes, it is, let’s say it together: (Trust Jesus!) (turn slide to one)

On day one we learned that Jesus is King. (wait)

There was a story about how the Crowds welcome Jesus to Jerusalem.<sup>1</sup>

The Bible verse for the day was Philippians 2:11 “Jesus Christ is Lord.”

The Animal was the Donkey, because that is what Jesus rode into Jerusalem.

Now that we have learned about how Jesus is King (Trust Jesus) we remember to use the Holy Spirit to be hospitable and to be true friends so we do not betray others in the way Jesus was betrayed.

Then came the second day, when the smell of warm baked bread continued to waver through the halls of St. Dunstan’s. Jesus Showed (turn slide) God’s love (Trust Jesus).

Remember, God is the creator and the Holy Spirit is the one who wants to help us continue with Jesus’ teachings.

On this day, we heard the story of how Jesus shares Passover with the disciples.<sup>2</sup> When we are sad, we remember the love Jesus showed for us and that can help us feel better. We remember to love each other, this includes everyone from our siblings to our classmates. We love each other even when we have different ideas. Who remembers our Bible verse?

Bible Verse “You should love each other.” (John 13:34)

The animal was a bee, perhaps because it helps us remember how to carry our love from one person to another. Just don’t sting each other.

The third day came and we heard something very important (turn slide):

Jesus loves us (Trust Jesus!)

When we are happy and spending time with our friends, we remember that God, our creator, is the source of joy. The animal for the day was a dog, I think those are the most loyal of pets (encourage children to explain about the animal). We remember that Jesus loves us at all times. God loved us so much that he sent us Jesus and made the Holy Spirit known to us. Even when Jesus’ friends could not support him in the way that he needed, he still loved them.<sup>3</sup> Just like Jesus loves us (Trust Jesus!). “Nothing..will ever be able to separate us from the love of God.”<sup>4</sup> Our connection with our creator is so very strong.

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>2</sup> John 13:1-17

<sup>3</sup> Jesus prayed in the garden and was arrested. John 17:1-18:11

<sup>4</sup> Romans 8:39

So, what happened was to show us that Jesus died for us (Trust Jesus, turn slide).

On Thursday, we were reminded of how Jesus was crucified.<sup>5</sup> (turn slide; encourage children to discuss sheep and the way it represents sacrifice.)

This is a very sad story, because Jesus died for us (Trust Jesus)

and it still helps us understand how much our Creator loved us. We are forgiven and therefore we forgive others. God demonstrated his love by saving us from our sins (those are things we do that are wrong). Because God loves us so much, our natural reaction is to be more forgiving. If your sister steals your toy; you let that hurt go and move forward.

If Jesus forgives us, we will forgive others. On Thursday we really saw that connection between God the Father who had such a great love for us that he sent us and Jesus. And then Jesus died for us (Trust Jesus!).<sup>6</sup>

Finally, it was Friday, and this was the Best. Day. Ever.

We found out something really great. (encourage children to share about chick)

I am so excited, I don't know if I can even say it, who can help me read the next slide (turn slide),

“Jesus lives (Trust Jesus!).

At the end of the day, we saw (Jesus!) because he rose from the dead.<sup>7</sup> This is good news, because it means we can begin to understand how deeply we are loved by God. We truly live, more fully since Jesus rose from the dead.<sup>8</sup>

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Since we know Jesus loves us, we want everyone else to be as excited as we are during Vacation Bible School.

So, we ask God to help us, we use that special friend he sent us, The Holy Spirit, to tell people all about how God loves them. Jesus lives (Trust Jesus!). So we can live into our best selves!

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<sup>5</sup> Luke 23:1-55

<sup>6</sup> This is a summary of the Bible point, “God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us.” Romans 5:8

<sup>7</sup> Jesus rises from the dead. (Matthew 28:1-10)

<sup>8</sup> “Since I live, you also will live” John 14:19