

Living Models of the Trinity

Objective: This activity helps students reflect on the nature of God as Trinity. Applying Trinitarian theology to the context of a current event will invite students to examine how the Trinity is a living presence in our lives and world.

Day 1: Project Assignment

Read Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2.

Discuss the description of Pentecost given in the reading. Point out the following things in your own words:

At Pentecost, Jesus' followers experienced the fullness of the Trinity. As Jews, they had experienced God the Father from their earliest years. Then they met Jesus and experienced him as God through his life, death, and resurrection. They also experienced the divine presence of the Spirit. The Trinity is a mystery that Christians have tried to explain for centuries.

Direct each student to develop a model of the Trinity using any art form. Explain that the model should reflect something of the nature of the three persons of the Trinity as well as their relationship with one another.

Select a current event to reflect in your art. Show how the Trinity interacts with your current event.



The students should also reflect on the following questions:

How would the divine presence of the Trinity shed light on your chosen current event?

If the theology of the Trinity were embraced, how might this current event be affected?

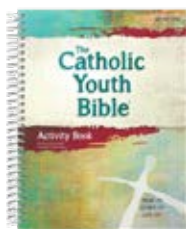
Day 2: Presentations

Invite the students to present their Trinity models in a “show and tell” fashion, gathered in class or over a video call. Students can hold up their models for their oral presentation.

Explain that each student will have 2-3 minutes to explain how their model reflects the three persons of the Trinity as well as their relationship with one another. They should also explain the current event they chose and how the current event might be affected if the theology of the Trinity were embraced.

Alternate assessment:

Ask students to submit their art form with a 350-word essay explaining how their model reflects the three persons of the Trinity as well as their relationship with another and how their chosen current event might be affected by embracing the theology of the Trinity.



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