

GOD THE FATHER

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

“You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you” (Psalm 86:5, NIV*).

OBJECTIVES OF THIS UNIT

This unit will help your children to:• Describe God, the Father.• Know that God is faithful and holy; and that He treats us better than we deserve.• Trust that God is faithful to keep all His promises because He loves us, even when we fail Him.• Experience the love of God in their lives so that they will know to seek Him when they make a mistake to ask Him for forgiveness.• Begin to understand that the Trinity is the unity of 3 Persons in 1 God.• Know that God is always with them through His Holy Spirit.

THE REASON WE TEACH THIS UNIT

Children almost always confuse God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit; but it is not only them, many adults do too. The doctrine of the Trinity is important and essential in the lives of all Christians. God in 3 Persons, but being only 1 God. This is a difficult concept to understand, but the church recognizes it as truth and a basis of the Christian faith.

This unit introduces children to the mystery of The Trinity by focusing their attention on God the Father. As was already mentioned, this is a difficult concept to explain and understand for a majority of Christians. Without a doubt, it is very important for the children to begin to understand how the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are all related.

Knowing that God the Father is holy, faithful, and loving, and that he is always with us through the Holy Spirit who helps us, should give us reassurance. This assurance will help to grow your children’s love and faith in God.

Faithfulness is a quality that the children need to learn about God; even though they may already have an idea what this means.

Through the study of these lessons, the children will know that when they do not make good choices, they hurt God’s heart and affect their relationship with him.