

The Trinity - In Their Own Words

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Theme: The Trinity – Who really understands it? The concept of the Trinity is one of the cornerstones of Christian faith, but it isn't easy to grasp and it's even harder to get across to others! Since the early centuries of the Church, reading between the lines of the Bible and taking all things into consideration, it has been agreed that one God exists in three Persons and one substance, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No wonder people struggle!

This script goes for the approach of letting the Trinity speak for themselves, with a bit of help from relevant Bible verses and a humorous context, raising the ideas but making sure that the audience don't feel stupid. The more serious-minded listeners will be comforted that it is based in scripture; the bewildered will be comforted by the jokey tone!

Cast: FATHER
SON
SPIRIT

Notes: Where Bible verses are quoted the reference has been given, but this shouldn't be considered as part of the script - the characters are God and would have no need to justify themselves by giving Bible references! Anyway, it would break up the flow. If you wish to give the references you could perhaps display them as the words are spoken – either by projecting them or by having someone hold them up on sheets of paper. Either way, check that they are large enough to be readable and rehearse it well to ensure that they are displayed at the right time and don't detract from the drama!

(Initially FATHER stands DSC facing the audience, SON stands behind him and SPIRIT behind him. All lines are delivered to audience unless indicated otherwise.)

FATHER Hello, I'm God the Father.

SON *(takes one large sidestep to the right so he can be seen)* I'm God the Son. *(steps back)*

SPIRIT *(takes one large sidestep to the left so he can be seen)* And I'm God the Holy Spirit. *(steps back)*

ALL God is one and there is no other but him *(Mark 12:32)*.

SPIRIT *(takes one large sidestep to the left so he can be seen)* Now we wouldn't be surprised if you find this a bit confusing so we are going to give you a very quick run through the idea of the Trinity. *(steps back)*

ALL The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

FATHER So, I'm the Father, you often call me Our Father in Heaven and in the Old Testament stories I do a lot of appearing in thunder and clouds and on mountain tops and such like.

SON *(stepping out and standing at FATHER's right side)* I'm the Son. You might know me better as Jesus Christ. I came to Earth in human form, taught, suffered, died, rose again. I also get called Immanuel, God with us.

SPIRIT *(stepping out and standing at FATHER's left side)* I'm the Spirit. I am the breath of God, often described as being like wind, fire or even a dove. I get called the helper because I can live in you and bring God's power and love to your life every day.

FATHER The Father was here before anything existed. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. *(Genesis 1:1)*. I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. *(Isaiah 44:6)*.

SON The Son was also here before anything. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. *(John 1:1)*.

SPIRIT (to SON) The Word?

SON The Bible calls me the Word lots of times. Everyone knows that.

SPIRIT The Spirit was also here before anything. Now the earth was formless and empty and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. *(Genesis 1:2)*.

FATHER By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. *(Psalm 33:6)*.

- SPIRIT *(Demonstrates being breath - exhales slowly and loudly as if trying to steam up a window) Hhhuuurrrr. (looks at the other two, who aren't laughing. Looks sheepish) It's getting quite crowded at the beginning of the universe.*
- FATHER We were all there because we are all one God.
- SON One substance.
- ALL There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. *(Ephesians 4:5-6).*
- FATHER But we are one God in three persons; (indicates SON with arm) God the Son.
- SON (indicates SPIRIT with arm) God the Holy Spirit.
- SPIRIT (indicates FATHER with arm) God the Father.
- FATHER You may think the word Persons is odd. The early Christians didn't really like it either; they felt it made us sound too... separate.
- SON But they couldn't think of a better word.
- SPIRIT *(thinking)* Characters?
- SON *(thinking)* Aspects?
- SPIRIT *(thinking)* Avatars?
- FATHER Like I said, they couldn't think of a better word.

When did the three appear together in the Bible? Do any other verses mention the three "persons"? Does any of this actually matter? What do you really need to know about the nature of God and the way he works? All of this might get a mention in the next 100 seconds!

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