

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

JULY 12

"THE TRINITY"

Scripture References

- **Mark 1:10**
- **Matthew 3:16–17**
- **Romans 8:15**

Quick Re-Cap

The Trinity is made up of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Three distinct persons, but all 100% God. How can someone be three different things but also only one thing? It's impossible to fully understand. But the thing is, we aren't supposed to understand! There's no way to fully explain how God works with human words and understanding. God didn't show himself to us as a puzzle for us to figure out, but because He wants us to know Him. The Bible says that God "tore Heaven open" to show us who he is and how much he loves us. He didn't whisper, it wasn't a secret. He loudly and publicly showed himself to his people. He explained that Jesus was his son, in whom he was well pleased. But that was just Jesus, right? He did so many miracles! Of course God would be pleased with Him! But the thing is, God said this BEFORE Jesus had performed one miracle! He hadn't even began his ministry yet!

We don't earn a place in God's family. The Bible says that we are adopted as his children already (Romans 8:15)! The lie is that we need to earn God's acceptance, but the Good News is that the same big God that can somehow be three different persons and ALSO be one God at the same time loves us enough to want a relationship with us. How cool is that?

Illustration

Do you ever have dreams while you were sleeping? Of course you have! Most people do. Dreaming is something that happens to almost everyone. But have you ever wondered *why* we dream? What causes them? The amazing thing is that even though everyone dreams, even scientists still don't fully understand why we dream or what causes them. Isn't that incredible? It's a real experience that we all have, yet it's something we can't completely explain with our human understanding. Sometimes we approach the Trinity the same way—we try to figure out why and how it works. But God is so much greater than we are that we can't fully understand Him. Instead of focusing on explaining every mystery, we can stand in awe of the fact that our BIG, BIG God wants us to be part of His family. He loves us so much that He tore open heaven so we could know Him and see His glory!

Application

This week, let's think on the Trinity and what it means that we serve a big, unexplainable God. He is so big, that we can take comfort that no part of us is too complicated or too different for God to understand us and love us completely. He made us! Let's thank God that we are his adopted sons and daughters, and ask Him to reveal himself to us more.

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- What are some things that you don't understand about God?
- How does knowing who we are to God help us want to walk in obedience?
- How can focus on worshipping him for his holiness this week?