

Short Talk

(SHT055)

God's Mathematics

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SHORT TALK: “GOD’S MATHEMATICS” (SHT055)

Aim of Short talk: To teach that God exists as the three persons of: God the Father, God the Son Jesus and God the Holy Spirit, yet remains as one God.

Main themes: Trinity, community, love

Biblical references: Matthew 3:16-17, 28:16-20, John 14:16-17, 16:12-15, Romans 5:1-5, 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Props: Four large pieces of white card with the following written on them:

- 1 + 1
- + 1 =
- 3
- 1

.....
I need 3 children to come and help me please with a maths problem. *(As children come up ask their names and get them to form a line facing the congregation)*

Are any of you good at maths?

- OK then you will be able to give us the answer.....

(Give to the 1st child in the line a card that says “1 + 1” and to the 2nd child in the line a card that says “+ 1 =” Invite the 3rd child to look at the sum)

This isn’t a terribly hard sum is it? So *(to child 3)* what is the answer to $1+1+1=?$ *(child says 3)*

- In a Maths lesson that is right. *(Give child 3 a piece of card that says, “3” and get them to stand next to child 2)*
- $1+1+1$ is normally 3

But you know when we think about God, existing as the three persons of:

- God the Father,
- God the Son Jesus and
- God the Holy Spirit,
- yet remaining as one God – it is a bit different.

You could say in God’s mathematics it is like:

- 1 (Father) $+1$ (Jesus) $+1$ (Holy Spirit) $=1$ (God) *(Give child 3 a piece of card that says, “1”)*

It is hard to get our heads around it isn’t it?

- but the Bible teaches us that there is only one God yet He shows himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
- three persons,
- and this is what we celebrate on Trinity Sunday.

Would you like to put your cards down now and hold hands in a circle because I want to show you something wonderful about our God. *(Children hold hands in a circle)*

You see in the Godhead there are loving relationships.....

- God the Father loves God the Son who loves God the Father and God the Holy Spirit,
- who loves God the Son and God the Father.....and so on

The Godhead is a loving community.

As the people of God, we are meant to show here on earth what is going on in heaven:

- so not only are we to love God passionately with all of our hearts, souls, minds and strength,
- but we are also to love each other like this....*(point at group of children)* and be a loving community.

Now if a couple of you could drop your hands....*(make a break in the circle and draw two of the children apart so that there is a space)*

- As we look at the loving relationships going on in the Godhead, there is a space here for you and me *(Point at the space)* to come and belong.
- This was made possible through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Could I have another volunteer please? *(Place child 4 in the space and reform the circle)*

- So we have here God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and you or me.....

You see God welcomes us to come and be in relationship with Him.

- That is an amazing thought isn't it?
- There is a place for us to belong...
- a place where we can give and receive love.

So this morning although it might be hard to get our heads around God's mathematics.....

- that although He is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, yet He is One God, let's:
 - Celebrate that our God invites us to belong to Him.
 - Rejoice that there is a place for us to be loved and give our love to Him, and
 - Determine to be like God, showing love to one another and to those we meet this week.

Thank you helpers. *(Send back helpers)*