

Finally read John 3:1-17 to see how the invisible nature of the wind helps Nicodemus discover more about the nature of God.

Praying

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory!

Activities

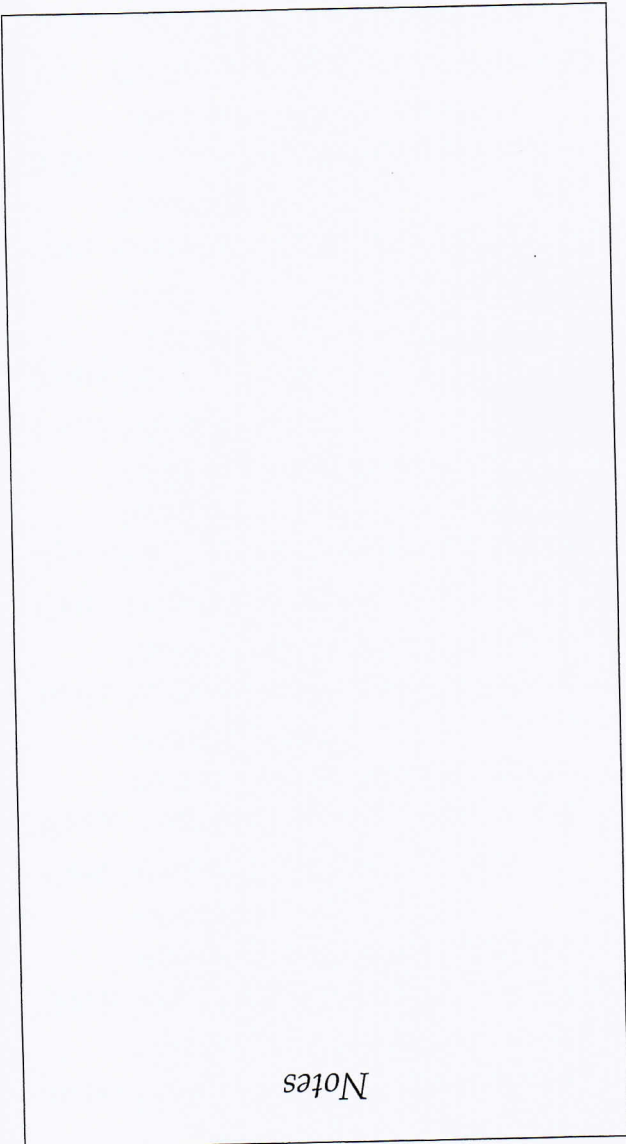
On the sheet there are aspects of the natural world which can help us understand more about the nature of God: the wind; infinity of space; simplicity/complexity of life structures; light; physical laws and order.

Discussion starters

1. How does each Person of the Trinity testify to the others?

2. What would you like God to enable you to 'see'?

Notes



ORDINARY TIME

TRINITY SUNDAY

Thought for the day

The mysterious and holy nature of the one true God is beyond our understanding, but it is both communal harmony and individual personality, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Aim

To explore the nature of the Trinity.

Starter

Who are you? The group is going to discover as much as possible about you in five minutes. Before the timing starts, let them collectively establish what they do know about you already, so the question time isn't wasted. Explain that if you don't want to answer a particular question you will say so, but they can ask whatever they want to in order to get to know who you are and what you are like.

Teaching

Look back at how the group discovered more about you. They ran their minds over what they knew already and went on from there. Were there some things they thought they knew which turned out to be mistaken? Were they surprised by any of the new discoveries?

Today, on Trinity Sunday, we are focusing on who God is and what he is like. Collectively as a Church, over the years, some clear truths about God have been discovered:

• God is One Being

• God is Three Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(Trinity means Tri-Unity, or Three in One and One in Three.)

Why does the Church describe God in this way?

Look together at what they know of God as Father, Son and Spirit, to see how the concept of Trinity has developed, referring to these passages to help: Genesis 1:1-3; Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:35; John 10:36-38; John 14:25-26.