

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The week of JUNE 2/3

TRINITY SUNDAY

#1 *“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.” John 16:12-13*

Children often like to ask questions. Some children ask questions morning, noon, and night. In fact, some children have a hard time going to sleep because they are always asking questions. In today’s Bible reading Jesus’ disciples had many questions for Him. They wanted to know what Jesus was going to do today, the next day, and the day after that. Jesus told them that they would get their answers when the time was right. The disciples needed to trust Jesus. Children likewise trust Mom and Dad to know when the time is right to answer some questions. The world is full of questions; some have answers others do not. We can trust Jesus whether we know the answers or not. What do you have questions about? Where do you go to get answers?

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for knowing what is best for me. Help me to also trust my parents to know what is best for me. Amen.

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#2 *Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"*

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:1-17

Do you like pretzels? The recipe is about 1,500 years old. A monk was playing with leftover bread dough and found that when he folded the strips over and then up they looked like someone praying. Look at a pretzel closely and you see three loops. It is one pretzel but has three separate loops. That is just like God. God is one God but three separate person, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That is hard to understand but is true nonetheless. We have God the Father who made all things, God the Son who died on the cross for us, and God the Holy Spirit who guides us and helps us to know Jesus better and grow in our faith. Next time you eat a pretzel, remember our three-in-one God.

Pray: *God the Father, I thank you for making the world and everything in it. God the Son, thank you for coming into the world and dying on the cross, for my sins. God the Holy Spirit, keep me close to you and help me to know and love Jesus more and more. Amen.*