

LOCKDOWN
WORKSHEETS
LESSONS TO LEARN
WEEK 4
REACHING UP TO
JESUS &
UNDERSTANDING
WHO HE IS.

Talk

Today, we are going to think about where Jesus is today and who he is.

The best thing we know about Jesus is that he is God. That means because he is God, he can be everywhere at all times.

The bible tells us that He dwells in our hearts by His Holy Spirit when we believe in him.

The bible also tells us that when Jesus time came to an end on this Earth, he ascended to heaven, to be with his father.

Sometimes it can be hard to understand how God works, how he can be three people but all of them one God.

What we do know is that; God is in heaven, Jesus came to earth as a man before going back to heaven and the Holy Spirit lives in us so we can be close to him. And one day, we will be together.

Reading

[John 20:17](#) Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am **ascending** to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

So where is Jesus now? He is in heaven with his Father, who is our Father.

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going."

Talk

One day, when it's our time, if we love Jesus and believe in him, we too will go to heaven and be with God. Jesus says so! He is preparing a wonderful place for us to go.

Quite often, when we think about heaven, we look up to the sky, we think heaven is a place far above the clouds. Actually, when we think about it, heaven is about being with Jesus, and being with him all the time.

At the moment, even though we believe in Jesus and we love him and want to walk close to him in our life. There are many things that get in the way.

When we go to be with Jesus, we will need to be perfect, that means there will not be anything holding us back, or stopping us. Nothing will be more important, nothing will be in the way.

I want you to think about a hot air balloon. We are a bit like a hot air balloon.

For the balloon to go up, it needs lots of hot air blown into it.

In the same way, we need air put into us to help us move toward Jesus. The Holy Spirit is sometimes called 'Ruach' which means breath or air.

If we understand the idea of God, especially the Holy Spirit, being like a breath or wind, we can grasp the meaning of the Hebrew word "Ruach." This word refers to God as a breath, a wind, or a life force that sustains all living things, human beings included.

Quite often, the basket of the hot air balloon has things tied to the edge of it. Weights, to hold it down.

If the balloon wants to go higher, it needs the extra weights taken off, it needs to be free.

In the same way, if we want to get closer to Jesus, reach up to Jesus, we need our extra weight taken off too. We need to put Jesus first.

Prayer

Dear God.

As a hot air balloon goes higher into the sky, we too want to get closer to you. Help us keep our eyes on you, and to let go of anything that stops us from doing that.

Amen

Craft.

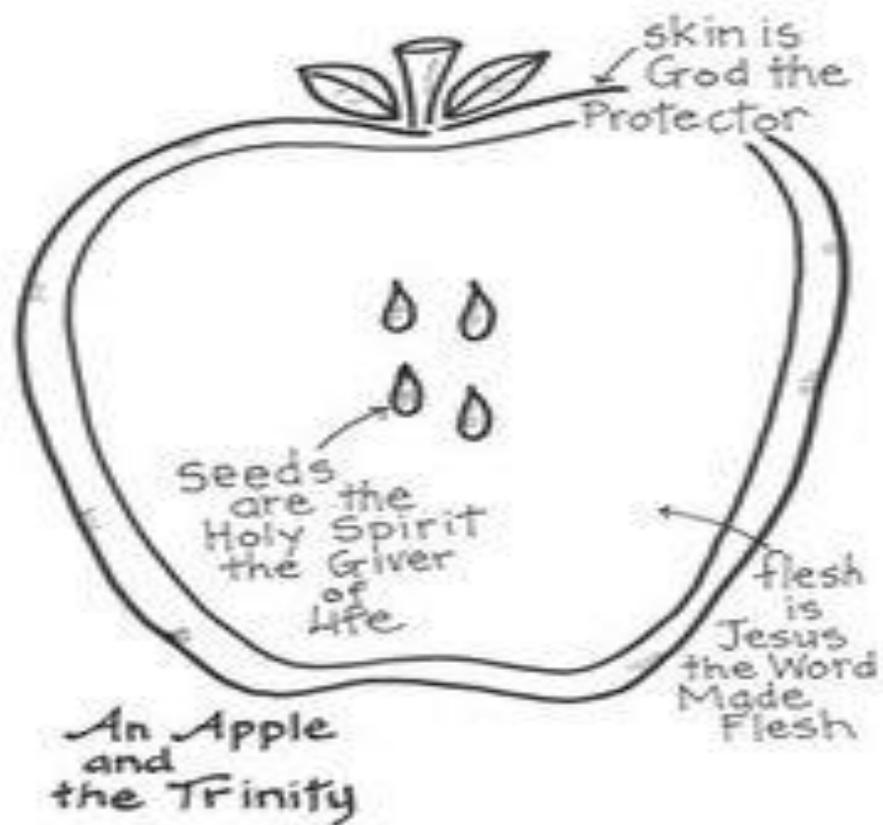
Today, you are going to decorate your wooden hot air balloons. Make them nice and colourful.

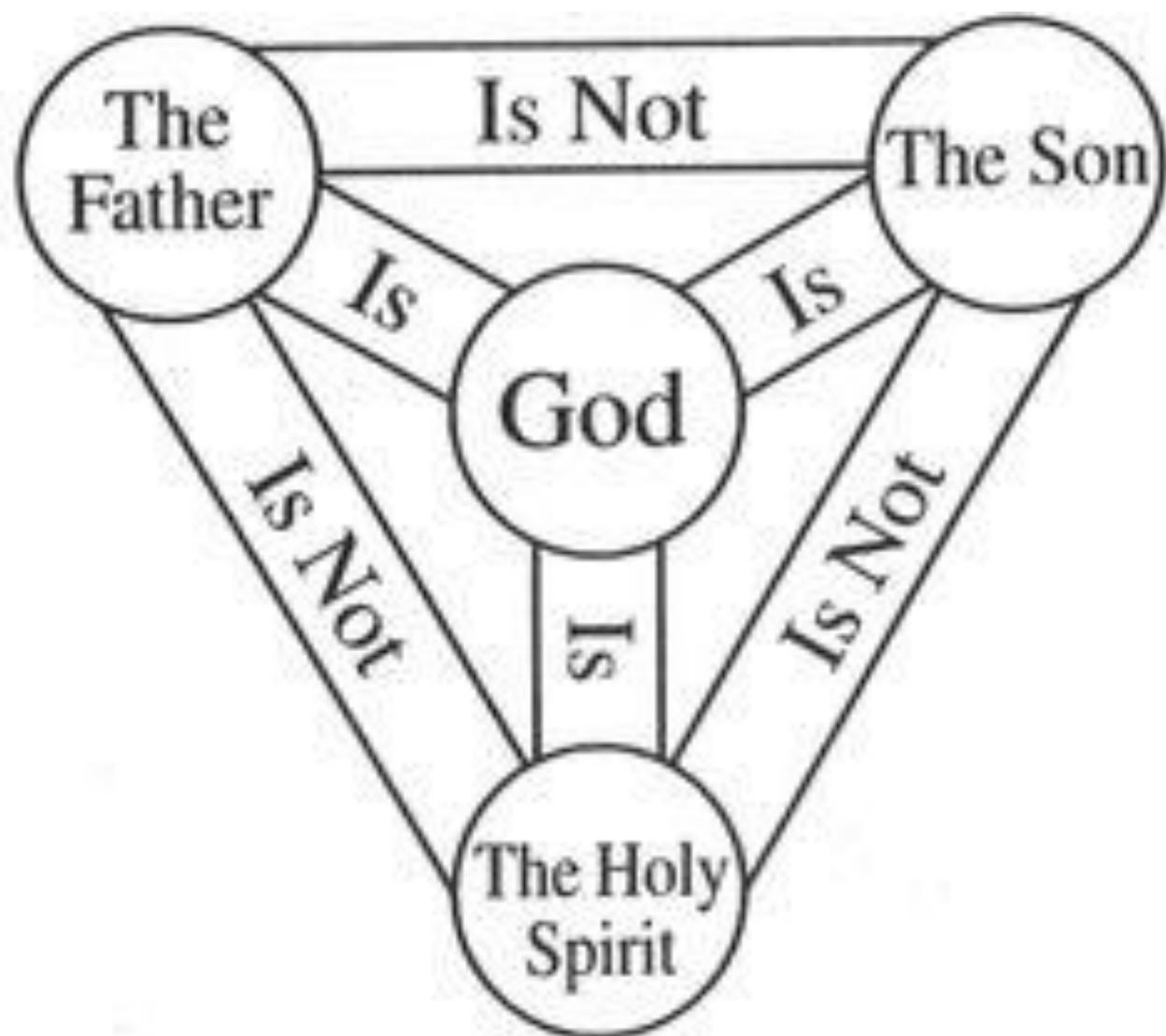
Perhaps, afterward you could draw a picture for the background. Maybe, the sky with clouds, or the tops of mountains to show how high it can go.

Extra crafts



Three in one, Trinity craft.











Paper plate balloons. Decorate a plate for the balloon. Use straws or string and attach a decorated basket.



Draw a balloon template and cut out. Use that same template to do another 4 sides. Fold each balloon in half vertically. Stick them together like in the picture. Use a toilet roll, and cut 1/3 off, use string to attach the the bottom of the balloon. Attach string to the top and hang up.