

# Our Triune God.

## God the Father

## God as Our Father

**Key verse:** John 5: 20a.

For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.



**Big Idea:** Because of Jesus we know God now as our personal, loving, heavenly Father.

### Kick Off

There is the saying, 'you're a chip off the old block' meaning you're like your father. In what ways are you like your parents? And as you get older are you becoming more or less like them?

**Understanding God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** *Trying to understand God as trinity is very hard for us to grasp. But this is how Jesus has revealed God to us and so we believe it. For me I find the strong emphasis in the Bible about God being one actually helpful, because this emphasis wouldn't be necessary if the oneness of our God wasn't complex.*

### STUDY

1. Look up these verses and write down what they tell us about God.

Deut 6:4

John 10:30

John 14:16-17

### Read John 5:16-30

2. What things does the Father do in this passage?

- v 17

- v 19

- v 20

- v 21

- v 22

- v 23

- v 26

3. Jesus through his teaching ministry not only kept emphasizing the fact that God was his father and he and the father were one but he also encouraged his followers to appreciate and know God as their father.

- Should we think of God as 'father' in the sense of we originate from him or in the sense of family relations? cf. John 20:17

- On what basis can we see God as our 'father' in the family sense of the word? cf. Gal. 4:4-7 and Heb. 2:10-11.

## THINK AND APPLY

### ***Appreciating God as Father***

*We do have God as our father because Jesus came as our older brother on that search and rescue mission which took him to the cross. We are all the wayward younger brothers of the parable of the lost sons in Luke 15 who all needed Jesus our true older brother to come out and find us and bring us home. Jesus did that for us. We have by his work been adopted into God's family and we have all the privileges of being sons of God.*

Look up these verses and talk about what they teach us about having God as our Father.

- Matthew 6: 5-9.

- Hebrews 12:7-11

- John 14:1-4.

What works against us remembering we have God as our father 24/7?

## PRAYER

**What can you pray about arising from this study?**



**For next week  
Read  
Phil 2:1-11**