

CREATION

“Trinity. Breath of God. Our Image”

Series Objective: Students will learn:

- God created all humanity
- Humans, Male and Female, are created “In the image of God. To take care of what God has given us.
- God has given authority over creation
- God breathed the breath of life into us

Series Theme Verse: For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. Colossians 1:16

Lesson Objective: Students will understand the trinity of persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. They will also understand God gave us the breath of life as well as when we are re-born, the breath of the spirit. The students will be taught the “image of God” is a concept God initiated to help us understand him.

Lesson Passage: Ephesians 1:4-13, Genesis 2:6-7, John 20: 21-22

Materials Needed: Bibles, dry erase board, dry erase markers, students will need their FBC journals.

Lesson Plan:

The Story: Read Ephesians 1:4-13, Genesis 2:6-7, John 20: 21-22

Talking Points:

- Trinity- there is only one God and not three and that the one God exists in three persons: Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. What would a analogy be? (Time. Time is past, present, and future, but, there are not three times and only one).
- Trinity- If any one of the three persons were removed would there be a God? (They are co-eternal, co-equal and co-powerful in absolute perfect harmony.)
- Trinity- What are the apparent separations of some functions among the members of the Trinity? (The Father chooses who will be saved ([Eph. 1:4](#)), the Son redeems them ([Eph. 1:7](#)), and the Holy Spirit seals them ([Eph. 1:13](#))).
- Breath of God- in Creation, in Genesis, you have how we were made. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being" ([Genesis 2:6-7](#)). Is it from the breath of God that we actually get our life? (We were created in the image

of God because of our breath, and it is because of the breath of God coming into us.)

- Breath of God- Does it take the same breath coming into us when we are born of the Spirit? (When we are re-born, it is from the breath of God. In the Gospel of John, where He is giving to His disciples the Holy Spirit, just as God breathed on Adam and gave him the breath of life, Jesus breathed on His disciples in John chapter 20: "'Peace to you! As the Father sent me, I also send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'" ([John 20:21-22](#)).
- Our Image- What did God say in Genesis as he was making mankind? (God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:26-28))

- Our Image- That image is also expressed as male and female, complementary aspects of God's character that, together with all kinds of people, help us appreciate the amazing breadth of God's creativity and expression. We are made in the image or likeness of God, and are unique from the rest of creation and from animals in that we have both a body and a soul/spirit. While God is a spirit and does not have a body, we resemble God by having a soul/spirit. We also reflect some of his characteristics in being mental, moral and relational beings. Mentally, we are both relational and volitional, able to reason and to choose. Morally, Adam was created in pure righteousness, reflecting God's holiness, and we have a conscience able to discern right from wrong. Socially, we were designed to live in community with others, reflecting how God the Father, Son and Spirit live in interdependent community, and are made to love and be loved, as God embodies love.
- Our Image- Were humans in God's image intended at creation to bring glory to God as people who hadn't sinned? (Yes, Fallen humanity hasn't lost the image of God, but the image *is* tarnished. With Adam's moral freedom to choose, he rebelled against God, which has profoundly damaged the image of God in humanity and affects us in all areas of life. Through Jesus Christ's death on the cross and resurrection, God is now restoring his original image in humans as they are transformed by following Jesus Christ.)
- God is a trinity of persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Its from the breath of God that we actually get our life
- Humans are created "In the image of God."

The Story Retold:

- Give students directions to draw the Trinity (3 overlapping circles and label them accordingly) to visually understand the Trinity. Review and discuss.



The Story and Me:

- Review the Theme Verse for this series on Creation.
- Write the memory verse on the dry erase board. Erase a word, each time asking the students to fill in the empty spaces. Then start to erase 2-3 words each time throughout the month to make it more challenging.