

GRADE 5
CHAPTER Four
The Mystery of God

Objectives

- To learn the meaning of mystery and how it applies to God
- To understand the Holy Trinity
- To understand the meaning of virtue
- To learn the Apostle's Creed

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Have you ever experienced a mystery? What was it like?
- Read the Words of Faith on p. 69. What is different about this meaning of mystery?
- Complete the activity on p. 69 and then explain to someone else your understanding of mystery.

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word

- Read the Words of Faith on p. 71
- St. Patrick wondered about the mystery of the Holy Trinity. He used a shamrock to explain it to the people. Complete the activity on p. 71
- Read John 1: 32-34 on p. 70 and answer the question that follows it.
- Read p. 71 and find the answers to these questions:
 - o What is a virtue?
 - o What prayer gesture helps you recall that the Trinity is with you?
 - o Which commandment calls you to live in relationship to the Trinity?
 - o Name three virtues that are gifts from God and tell one way you could practice each virtue in your own daily life.
 - o What can people do to reflect the image of God and traces of the Trinity?
- Memorize the Apostles' Creed, our statement of what we believe.

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Make the Sign of the Cross
- Pray the prayer on p. 67

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.