

Trinity C:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Storyteller: We are the family of God:

- *place the first white felt circle on the floor in front of you ...* God the Father ...
- *place the second white felt circle on the floor in front of you slightly overlapping the first ...* and the God the Son ...
- *place the third white felt circles on the floor completing a triangular shape ...* and God the Holy Spirit.

Hold up the water and say: When God Created the Heaven and the earth, the earth was without form, and empty, and God the Spirit moved over the waters. When the children of Israel left slavery in Egypt, and when they entered to the land God promised them, they walked between the waters of the Sea of Reeds, and they walked between the waters of the River Jordan. With water, Jesus' cousin John baptized people. John baptized Jesus himself in the water of the River Jordan. Water is a precious gift from God. *Pour some water from the jug into the bowl and place the water bowl and jug on one of the felt circles.*

Hold up the Christ Candle and say: When it is dark, we cannot see what is near us. But light helps us see clearly. *Set down the candle, and light it, and pick it up again.* Jesus is the Light of the world. When we know Jesus, we can see clearly that God is always with us. When Jesus is in our hearts, then we can be light for other people too. *Set the candle on the second felt circle.*

God loves us and provides the whole earth with water and light, so that we and all God's creatures may have everything we need. *Pick up the cross.* But some of God's people and creatures do not get what they need. That is because people do wrong. People can be mean or selfish and ruin God's good plan. I've been mean and selfish sometimes. You've been mean and selfish too. God would be fair if God take back the good things God has given us. But instead God gave us one more thing. *Hold the cross out to the children.* It was something very hard to give, but God gave it to us anyway. God gave us forgiveness through Jesus' death on the cross.

Set the cross in the third circle. Sit quietly looking at the cross, and think about God's good gifts.

Touch the cross: God the Father gives forgiveness through the cross where God the Son, Jesus died. *Touch the candlestick.* God the Son, Jesus, is our light and makes us be light for others, through God the Spirit who lives in our hears. *Touch the water.* God the Spirit, who moved on the water of creation, makes us sons and daughters of God the Father, when we are baptized with water and the Spirit. God gives all these good things to us as God's sons and daughters, and as brothers and sisters to one another.

Story Materials

- Three white felt circles
- Jug of water
- bowl for water
- candle-holder
- candle
- matches
- cross