

Bible adventures

for young readers

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God
loves me
28 ways



GOD'S WORD FOR ME

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." *2 Corinthians 13:14*

STORY TIME

How are you at math? Let's find out. If you take one banana, one apple, and one mango and put them in a bowl, how many fruit would there be in that bowl? That's one plus one plus one. Yes, you're right. There would be three fruit in the bowl.





DRAW A PICTURE OF A PRETTY BOWL WITH A BANANA, AN APPLE, AND A MANGO IN IT.

Choose the correct color for each fruit. Below the picture write, "Three Fruit."

Now let's do something interesting in our imaginations. Let's slice the banana into a bunch of little round pieces. Cut, cut, cut, cut, cut. Good. Now, let's chop the apple into little chunks. Chop, chop, chop, chop, chop. And finally, let's slice that delicious, juicy mango into long, sweet, tasty slices. Slice, slice, slice, slice, slice.

Put all of the pieces of all three fruit into the bowl. Mix them up so that everywhere you look in the bowl you see banana slices, apple chunks, and mango slices. Now, answer this question: How many fruit salads do you have? That's right. One! You just took one plus one plus one, and made it ... ONE!



DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR PRETTY FRUIT SALAD BOWL.

Remember to make round banana pieces, chopped up apple chunks, and long, beautiful mango slices. Color each piece. Write at the bottom, "One Fruit Salad."

Did you know that God is really three Individuals? There's God the FATHER, God the SON, and God the HOLY SPIRIT. Three heavenly Friends. Three Gods that make one God. One plus One plus One equals One. And each Friend offers you something amazing.



MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

When you understand that God is really three Friends in One, it makes reading the Bible even more exciting. When a verse says that your sins are forgiven, you know that it is God the Father who is forgiving you. When you read about how God wants to comfort you when you're sad, you understand that it's God the Holy Spirit who wants to bring happy thoughts into your mind. And when you read that God wants to save you from your sins, that's the Son showing you how much He cares for you.

- Read these beautiful texts and circle which Friend is providing the power to make it happen.

Remember:
 God the **Father** LOVES and FORGIVES.
 God the **Son** SAVES from sin.
 God the **Holy Spirit** COMFORTS and PROTECTS.



“Lord, even when I have trouble all around me, you will keep me alive” (Psalm 138:7).

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

“If you forgive others for the things they do wrong, then your Father in heaven will also forgive you for the things you do wrong” (Matthew 6:14).

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

“Jesus is the way our sins are taken away. And Jesus is the way that all people have their sins taken away, too” (1 John 2:2).

Father

Son

Holy Spirit



LIBRARY

Read these wonderful promises to your brother, sister, mom, or dad and tell them that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit each have plenty of love, forgiveness, and joy to share with everyone.

- “God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid if the earth shakes, or if the mountains fall into the sea” (Psalm 46:1, 2).
- “God gave Jesus as a way to forgive sin through faith. And all of this is because of the blood of Jesus’ death” (Romans 3:25).
- “Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads. I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).





MY PRAYER

Thank You, Father, for loving me. Thank You, Jesus, for saving me from my sins. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for comforting me when I'm sad and teaching me how to live a safe and happy life. Amen.



MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized" (*Evangelism*, p. 615).

Someday, when you are baptized, you will hear those wonderful names just before the preacher lowers you under the water and brings you up again. Listen for them!



CHECK THIS!

Read the text from "God's Word for me" and check the word that describes what God offers you:

The Lord Jesus Christ offers me:

money a new coat

grace a big house

God the Father offers me:

good looks love

a puppy candy

The Holy Spirit offers me:

fellowship food

a computer a camera



FUN FACTS



BANANAS:

- The average American consumes 28 pounds of bananas per year.
- The strings that go up and down the length of bananas help distribute nutrients to every part of the growing bananas.*

You are never alone. You have Three heavenly Friends who love you even when you're mad or sad, forgive you when you make a mistake, and stay by you forever. One plus One plus One!

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PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What have you learned about the "heavenly Trio"?

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