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INTRODUCTION TO THE CREED

ACTIVITY

ONE IN THREE

Theme: The eternal nature of God is mysterious and beyond our understanding. However, God has revealed Himself to be one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Materials: Bible, ruler, note cards

Procedure: (10 minutes)

Place a Bible on a table in another room or behind a curtain in the classroom. Prepare three note cards as follows: (1) Measure how wide the book is and report the number to the class, saying, "I measured _____ inches (or centimeters)"; (2) Measure how long the book is and report it to the class, saying, "I measured _____ inches (or centimeters)"; and (3) Measure how deep the book is and report the number to the class, saying, "I measured _____ inches (or centimeters)." Tell the students not to reveal what they measured or how they measured it.

Give the three cards to three students and have them follow the directions. When all three students have reported their different measurements, ask the class, **What's going on? If they are measuring the same object, how did they come up with three different numbers?** Let the students offer explanations. Then reveal the Bible and say, **Because the volunteers measured three different faces of the one book, it sounded like they were describing three different books. In a similar way, some people are confused when the Bible talks about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They might assume that there are three different gods, when in fact there is only one God in three persons.**