

## PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST

**Scripture:**

John 1:1-14, 5:19-47, 6:35-51, 8:12-58,  
10:25-39, 12:44-50, 17:5  
Col. 1:15-17, 2:9

**Materials Needed:**

Two apples

**Key Verse:**

*John 1:1, 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—God made humanity distinct from the rest of his creation by creating him to reflect His image. Through this we get a glimpse that the Father, Son, and Spirit are three persons equally possessing the attributes of ONE Deity.

To Realize—Jesus existed as the Eternal Son of God, fully possessing the attributes of God, and was not a created being. His body was created by the Spirit, and he lived his life on earth as a fully obedient human.

To Respond by—giving praise to the Eternal Son of God for coming to earth in order to pay for the sins of the world.

**Setting up the Story:**

If there is one doctrine of the Bible that really stretches the mind and that people have tried to explain for 2,000 years—it is the doctrine of the Trinity. The word “Trinity” doesn’t occur in Scriptures, but the doctrine states that Christians worship ONE God—but He is a triune God: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And these three “persons” are not three Gods—but ONE God.

Whew! No one really understands how that can be. In fact, you would have to be GOD to fully understand it!. And it’s not a doctrine that some person just made up—because no one would just come up with that. People could come up with saying there are several gods. And people could come up with saying there is one God. But the idea that there is ONE triune God is a little mind-boggling, and it had to be revealed in Scriptures over time that the God of Creation, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Moses and David and the Prophets—is One Triune God.

What I am going to teach you today does not explain how that can be. But it will give a glimpse into a truth that John teaches us in John 1:1,14. (Student read verses.)

Scripture

### Telling the story:

- I. There are different animal kinds
  - A. Fish
  - B. Birds
  - C. Insects
  - D. Mammals
  
- II. There is ONE human-kind
  - A. Qualities that make something “human”
    - 1. Thinking
    - 2. Talking
    - 3. Creating
    - 4. Praising
    - 5. Other...
  
  - B. Distinct from animals
  
  - C. Within human-kind there are two persons
    - 1. Male
    - 2. Female
    - 3. (child)—not a separate person but different form
  
  - D. Each person is 100% human because each possesses all the qualities of human-kind.
  
- III. There is ONE God (deity)
  - A. Qualities that make something “God”
    - 1. All-knowing
    - 2. All-powerful
    - 3. Eternal
    - 4. Holy
    - 5. Righteous
    - 6. Cannot Change
  
  - B. Distinct from humans and animals
  
  - C. Within God (deity) there are three persons
    - 1. Father
    - 2. Son
    - 3. Holy Spirit

### As you tell the story:

See illustration “Three in One.”

How many “Human” are there? Not individual humans, but human-kind? ONE.

What qualities separate Human from any of the kinds of animals?

What percent Human is male? Not what percentage—but how Human is Male? 100%. He possess all the qualities that make something Human.

What percent Human is female? What percent Human is a child? So you have 300% human? No! ONE Human—but each person is 100%!

Draw a third category above Human.

What makes God different from Human?

If a being is ALL-knowing, ALL-powerful, ALL-present, and Cannot Change—how many beings can there be like that? Only ONE.

Why? Because if you have two beings that know different information, then one of them is not All-knowing. If a being can change, then He is not ALL powerful.

We would not know Anything about this Being—this ONE God, unless

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| <p>D. Each 'person' is 100% deity (God) because each possesses all the attributes of God.</p> <p>IV. Jesus is Son of God and Son of Man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Body created for him<br/>Hebrews 10:5-7</li><li>B. Conceived by the Spirit: not a human, sinful father</li><li>C. God was His Father</li><li>D. No sinful nature that leads to death</li><li>E. Eternal nature that leads to life and light.</li><li>F. Jesus, being God, did not use His power as God while living on earth, but lived as a learning, obedient man and faced life the same as we do. Phil. 2:1-12</li></ul> | <p>HE revealed it to us. And He has revealed that there are three persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit: each possess the complete characteristics of GOD.</p> |
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**Concluding the Story:**

Who can understand God? And yet, God has revealed these things to us both in the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures. Jesus is the Eternal God who became a man to live with us.