



JESUS THE CREATOR

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One evening, during family devotions, Mr. Jones said. "Kids, as the Christmas season is approaching, I want to ask you a few questions. Billy, do you know what Christmas is all about?"

"Yeah! It's Jesus's birthday!"

"That's true, but why is Jesus important?"

Mary, do you have an answer?"

"Well, that's because Jesus was the Son of God, and he grew up to be a man who died on the cross to save us from our sins. So, he is our savior."

"That's very good, Mary. But did you know there's more to Jesus than just being our Savior? Open your Bibles to John 1:1-3. Billy, you read along with your mother. Mary, when you find the verses, read them out loud for us."

"*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*' (NKJV)

"So, from these verses, we see that the Word was with God (the Father) and was God from the beginning of time. To understand who the Word is, look at John 1:14. It says, '*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only*

begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.' Jesus, as you said earlier, was the only Son of God who became a man and took on flesh by being born as a baby and would grow up to be our Savior. The Word is Jesus, and verse 3 states that He made everything. He was the Creator."

"Dad, how can the Word be Jesus and be God?" Mary skeptically asked.

Mr. Jones answered, "There is an idea called the Trinity which teaches that God is the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and yet still one God! First, let's turn to Isaiah 45:5, where we read, '*I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me.*' This tells us there is only one God.

"Now, let's go to Genesis 1:1-2, where it says, '*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*' The word 'God' here is the Hebrew name Elohiym (el-o-heem), which is in the plural, meaning more than one person. Verse 2 The Hebrew word for 'Spirit' can mean breath. Psalm 33:6 reads, '*By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.*' This shows that God's Spirit (breath) was also at creation. The word Trinity is not found in the Bible, but the Bible teaches its truth."

"I don't understand, Dad. How can God be one and three?" asked a confused Billy.

"I don't fully understand it myself, Billy, but when I was young, it was explained to me like this: When God made you, he made you ONE

human being living as ONE person. Yet, the Bible says you have a body, a soul, and a spirit. Three distinct or separate parts that operate independently but blend together at the same time. Together or separately, they are all you. In a similar way, God is ONE God living in THREE persons. The Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Holy Spirit. Yet, all three persons are God. Each is different but 100% God. They're all equal. And they all have the same divine Nature.

"I know the Trinity is hard to fully understand, but God isn't like us. Isaiah 55:9 reads, '*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways,*

And My thoughts than your thoughts.' Our God is a mighty, big God!

"Colossians 1: 14, 16 reads, '*in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins ... For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, ... All things were created through Him and for Him.*'

"Who shed His blood for us on the cross, Billy, so we could have our sins forgiven?"

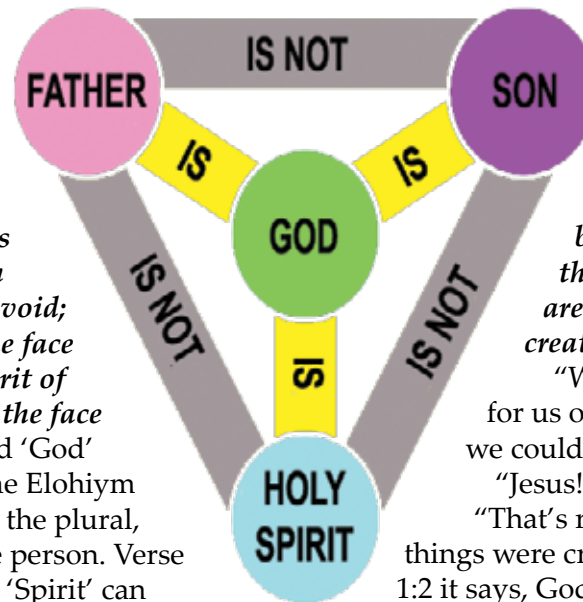
"Jesus!"

"That's right, and verse 16 tells us all things were created by Jesus. In Hebrews 1:2 it says, God ... '*has in these last days spoken to us by His Son ... through whom also He made the worlds;*' Mary, this tells us the Son made the worlds. Who is this Son?"

Mary smiled and answered, "Jesus!"

"I have one more verse tonight as we end our Bible study. Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:9, '*... God who created all things through Jesus Christ;*' So, kids, who is both the Savior of the world and the Creator of all things?"

"Jesus!" they excitedly declared.





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