Bible Lessons on the Number One

ONE, yet Three

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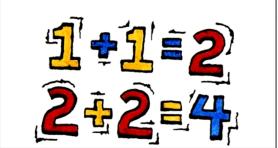
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Dedicated to all the little children who want to follow Jesus and learn to love him.

Why is the number one important? That's right, because it's the beginning, and because there can't





be any other numbers at all without it.

Just like the number one, the Lord our God is One. (Deut 4:6).

He is the Beginning of everything in our lives, and without him--we're all nothing.



There's always been a lot of 'gods' in the world. Can you name some?

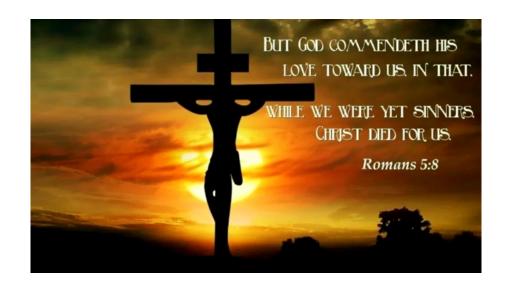


Which of these 'gods' is real?

Which of these 'gods' loves us? Which one gave his life for us? Will these make-believe 'gods' protect us? Will these made up 'gods' help us?



Only ONE God is real and has ever loved and died for us—and that's the only God we serve. (Romans 5:8)



Should we ever serve these earthly 'gods'? No. We might hear about them and see them

in movies, but men made them up--and they aren't real and they won't help us.

Only the <u>real God</u> cares about us.

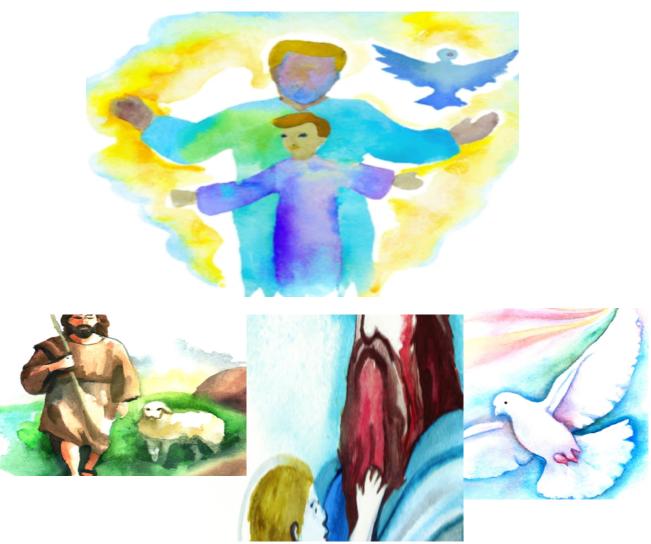


There's only <u>ONE</u> God that's real and loves us.

There's only <u>ONE</u> of him... but he has <u>THREE</u> parts.



In Old Testament times we see God the Father--with Jesus and the Holy Spirit both *predicted* to come in the future.

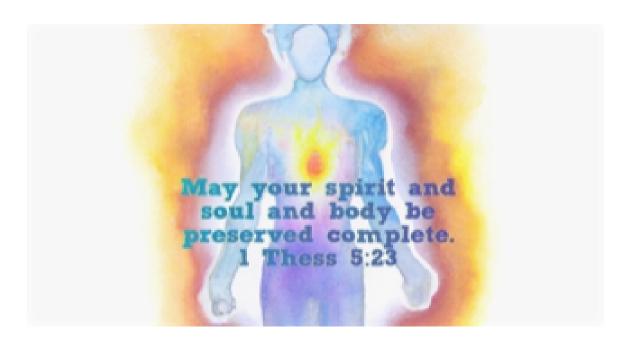


In the New Testament, we see Jesus *has indeed come* to earth just like it was predicted, and in the bible we see him talking about God as his Father. Then after his time on earth was finished, he sent the Holy Spirit to the church.

It's a mystery. It's something that's hard to figure out. We have only one God, yet there's three parts of him that mesh into one to make him whole and complete.



Something to think about: God made us in his image, and the Bible says in the book of 1 Thessalonians that we can also see this "one, yet three" in ourselves. We too are *one* person, but we have *three* parts. The same as God.

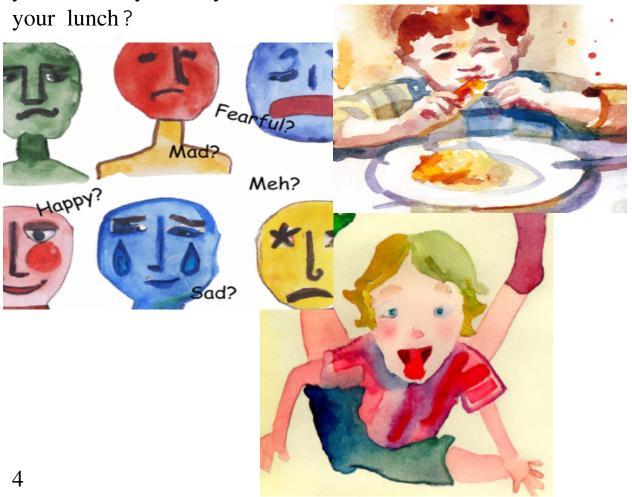


1. We have a body. 2. We have a soul. 3. We have a spirit.

Our **body** is our arms and legs, tummies, face, feet, and such. It's what we can touch and what we look like.



Our **soul** is who we are. It's our emotions and personality. How do you feel today? Are you happy or sad? Mad? Thankful? Do you feel silly? Do you like

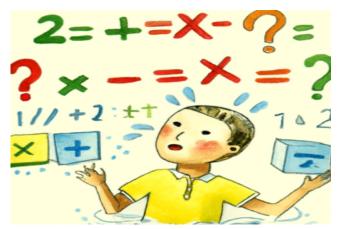


What's your favorite game?





Do you like talking to people or are you shy?



What is 12+1? Our soul is also what you *think*. What is 8+2+4? How do you spell your name?



Do you believe God loves you? These things are all part of your soul.

We also have a **spirit**. If you are a Christian, it's where the Holy Spirit lives in you. It's the part of you that can believe Jesus died for your sins. It's also where your conscience is—the part of you that knows to do what's right.



So, we too are a mystery. We are only <u>one</u> person, but yet there's <u>three</u> parts to us that mesh into one to make us whole and complete.



This can be hard to understand with our brains, but we just ARE. We just function every day in our three parts without even really thinking about it.

God does the same thing. He just goes about his day that way. He just IS one, yet three. We can't explain him any more than we can explain ourselves.

Even though there's three parts to me, I'm still just *one* me. Even though there's three parts to you, you're still just *one* you.

We don't go around trying to explain our body, soul and spirit to everyone, do we?

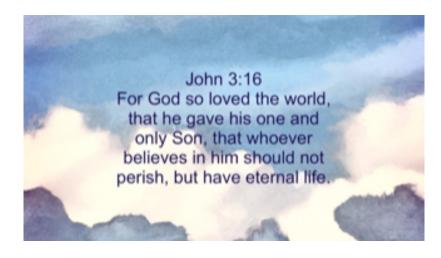
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Even though there's three parts to God, he's still just one God. Our God who cares for us.



It's okay to not be able to explain him because we can **trust** him. We can trust him because he's the only *real* God who is alive and who gave up his life so that we could know him.



The End.