Lord's Day 8 Name: _____

This lesson presents us with one of the most difficult truths to be found in the Bible, namely, the doctrine of the Trinity. The reason why the Trinity is so difficult for us to understand is that in this study we say something about the very Being of God, and God is incomprehensible. Briefly stated, that God is Triune means that there are three Persons in the one Essence of God. The word *Triune,* although not found in the Bible, gets this truth across very nicely.

A. In the Bible, God has revealed in a progressively clearer way that He is Triune. The Old Testament suggests the Trinity; the New Testament teaches it clearly. Copy the texts that are indicated, underlining those words which show that God is more than one Person.

1. Genesis 1:26 — "_____
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2. Psalm 33:6 — "_____
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3. Matthew 28:19 — "_____
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4. II Corinthians 13:14 — "_____
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_____."
5. I John 5:7 — "_____
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B. Question and Answer 24 of the Catechism may not be interpreted as if each Person of the Trinity did separate work. The following exercise will make this clear. Fill in the blanks.

1. God reveals Himself as Father in the act of creation. But John 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:16 teach that _____ also created.
2. God reveals Himself as our Redeemer in the work of Christ. In Titus 2:10, God is called our _____.
3. God reveals Himself as Sanctifier in the Holy Spirit. Quote I Peter 1:22 here:
"_____
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4. The point is that all three Persons are engaged in all the thoughts and works of God. We may not imagine that God is composed of three parts; a pie cut into thirds is not an

adequate example or picture of this great mystery. The Bible teaches that the three Persons are co-equal, co-eternal, and co-essential.

5. The Belgic Confession, Article 8, states this concerning the three Persons of the Trinity:
   a. The Father is the _____, _____, and _____ of all things visible and invisible.
   b. The Son is the _____, _____, and _____.
   c. The Holy Ghost is the _____ and _____, proceeding from the Father and the Son.

C. Thought questions; use your Bibles, our creeds, or ask your parents.

1. When Jesus prayed, using the word Father, did He refer to the first Person of the Trinity or to the Triune God? _____
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2. When we pray to our Father, do we pray to the first Person or to the Triune God?
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3. The Belgic Confession, Article 9, lists those in the history of the church who do not believe in the Trinity. Mention these groups or persons. _____
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4. Who, today, do not believe in a Triune God? _____