

Trinity Shamrock

When St. Patrick was preaching about the Holy Trinity, people did not understand him. So St. Patrick picked a shamrock off the ground and told the people that the shamrock was like the idea of the Trinity, showing them that there was three leaves but only one stem, as there are three divine beings in one God. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, but again only one God. The shamrock was sacred to the Druids, so Saint Patrick's use of it in explaining the trinity was very smart.

In this Activity we will pretend we are St. Patrick and make a shamrock with each leaf representing one of the divine beings. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Estimated Time: 45 minutes

Age Level: 5-12

Objective:

Children will Celebrate St. Patrick's day Learning about the Trinity and develop an awareness that simple shapes put together can make an image.

Material List:

- Green Craft Foam
- White Craft Foam
- Oak Tag
- Scissors
- Markers
- White ribbon
- Hole punch
- Glue

Adult Preparation:

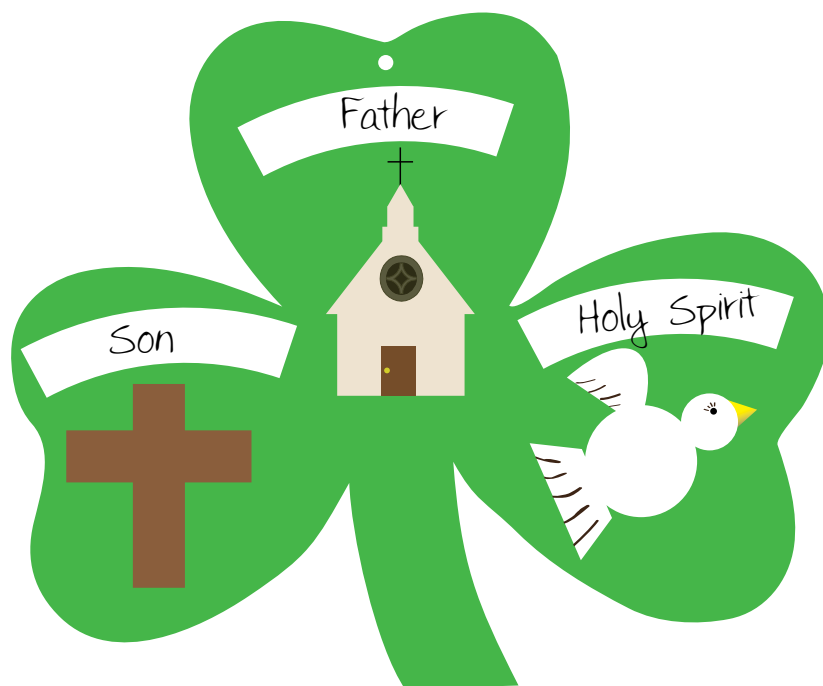
Print and cut out templates on next page (you can glue template on oak tag for extra thickness then cut it out).

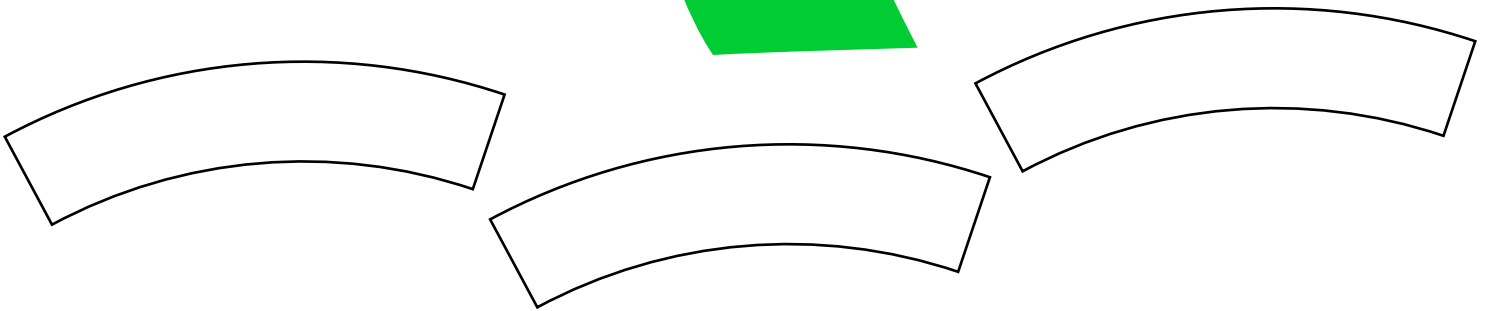
Introduction:

Read the story above to get your kids interested and hold up finished Shamrock. Ask questions to make child's experience more personal such as: Did you ever pick a shamrock? How many leaves does a shamrock have? etc. Ask other questions to see if your children understand how to do the project.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.) Trace Shamrock, and shapes and cut it out.
- 2.) With a marker on one banner write the word Father on another write the word Son and on the last banner write the word Holy Spirit.
- 3) Assemble all the shapes as indicated on the print outs
- 4) Glue shapes on shamrock
- 5) Color and add detail to shapes like for instance a feather and eyes for the dove. Windows and perhaps a cross on top of the church.
- 6) Punch a hole at the top of the shamrock.
- 7) Tie a piece of white ribbon through the hole like a necklace and now you can hang it

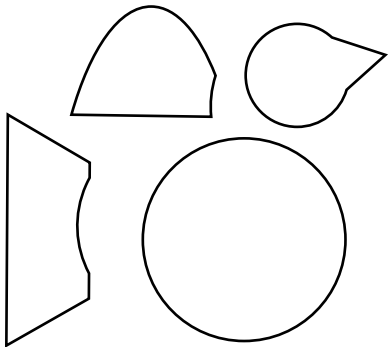




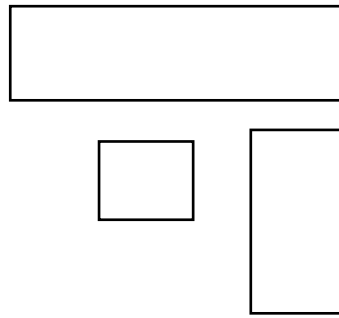
Cut these patterns out and trace onto foam

Make your dove, cross and church out of these shapes. Cut the shapes out and trace them onto your craft foam. Making images with simple shapes promotes an awareness of how images are drawn.

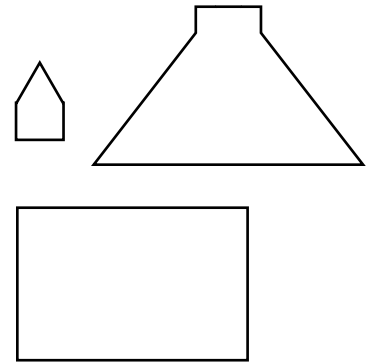
Dove



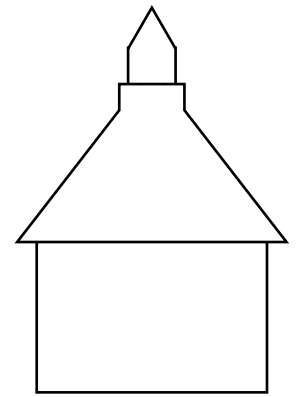
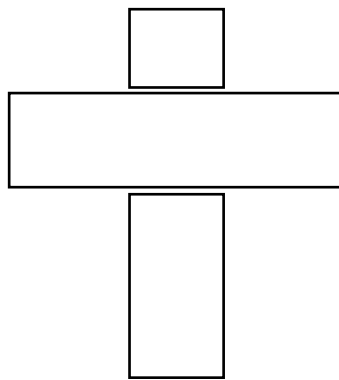
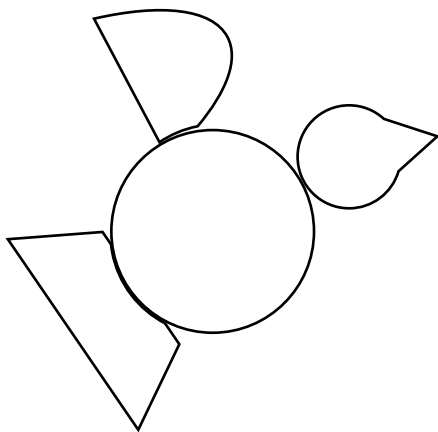
Cross



Church



Assemble them and glue to shamrock



Add detail and color with marker

