

*God in
Three
Persons:
The Trinity*

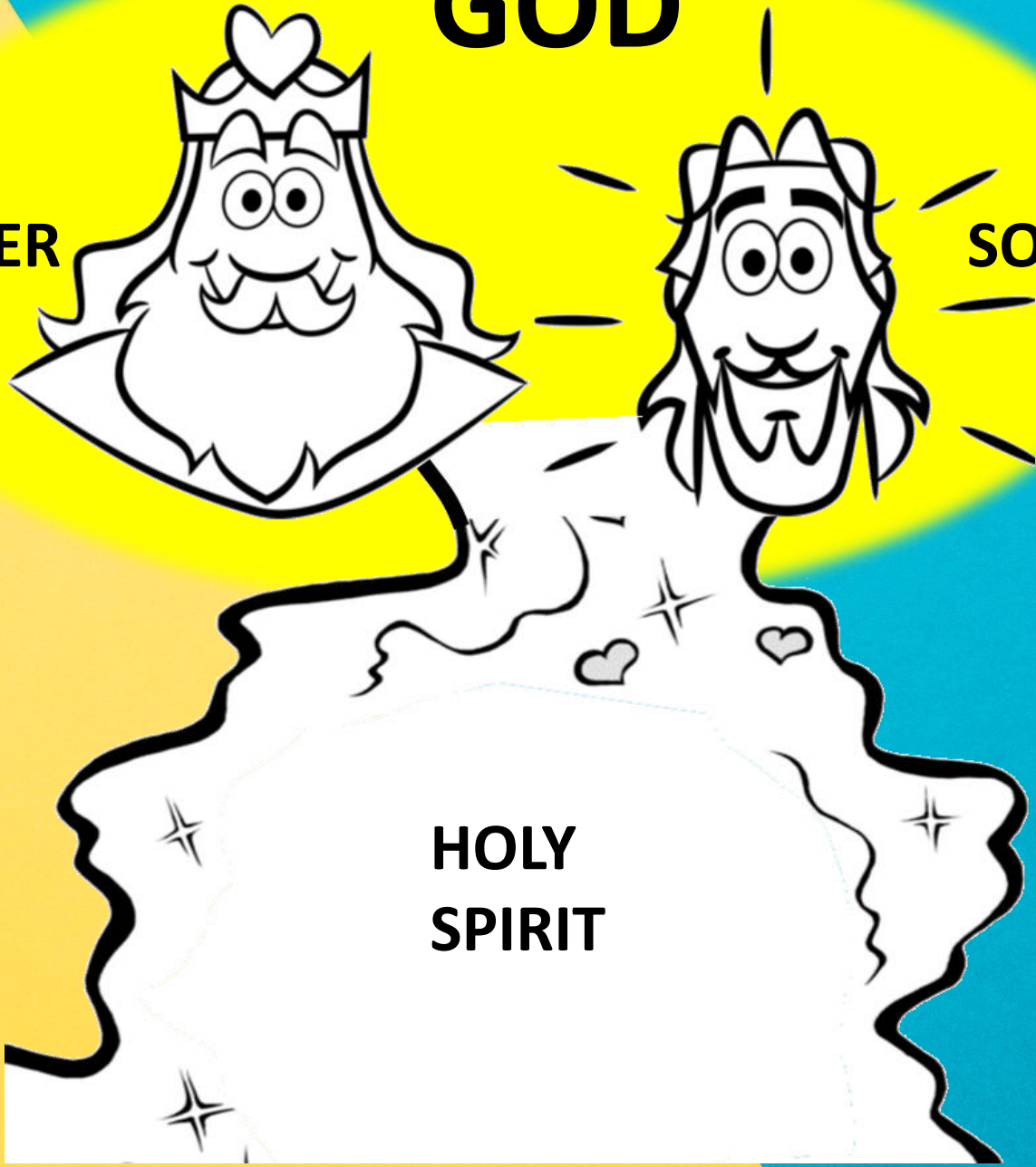
GOD



GOD

FATHER

SON



**HOLY
SPIRIT**

*God has always
existed as three
persons in one
being, each distinct
from the other, the
Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit*

There are Old Testament verses which infer that there is more than one person in God.

Genesis 1:26-27 - Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. ... So God created human beings in his own image. He created them to be like himself. He created them male and female.

Isaiah 6:8 - Then I heard the Lord asking, ... "Who will go for us?"



The understanding of the three persons in one God became clearer in the New Testament because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the believers. The followers of Jesus came to understand that Jesus is God, but He is distinct from the Father, and that the Holy Spirit is also God, but is distinct from the Father and the Son.



The concept of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit being one God is impossible for us as humans to completely understand. That might be disconcerting, but it's also consistent with our belief that an all-powerful, all-knowing creator God exists.

As God reveals Himself to us, it stands to reason that understanding some aspects of Him might be beyond our human experience and understanding. So if you feel you can't fully understand this, don't worry about it. The important things are to know that there is one God, that there are three Persons in God, that God loves you and Jesus died for your salvation, and that the Holy Spirit is with you as a helper and counselor.



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