

1. **Watch chapter 7** from The Complete Learning System, *Jesus, The Son of God* DVD.

2. **Read:** 3 Nephi 11:32

“And this is my doctrine, and it is the doctrine which the Father hath given unto me; and I bear record of the Father, and the Father beareth record of me, and the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me; and I bear record that the Father commandeth all men, everywhere, to repent and believe in me.”

3. The members of the Godhead all work together to help us obtain eternal life. Although they work together as one, they have separate roles.

What did Jesus mean when He said that He was about His Father’s business? (Discuss ideas. Emphasize that Jesus was not speaking of Joseph’s business, but of the business of His literal Father, God the Father.)

4. **How can we know for ourselves that Jesus Christ is the literal Son of God?**

(Discuss ideas.)

5. **What three personages make up the Godhead?** (God the Eternal Father, His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost.)

6. **How does our knowledge of the Godhead differ from other Christian faiths?**

(Discuss ideas.)

“We believe these three [God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost] divine persons constituting a single Godhead are united in purpose, in manner, in testimony, in mission. We believe Them to be filled with the same godly sense of mercy and love, justice and grace, patience, forgiveness, and redemption. I think it is accurate to say we believe They are one in every significant and eternal aspect imaginable except believing Them to be three persons combined in one substance, a Trinitarian notion never set forth in the scriptures because it is not true.” *Jeffrey R. Holland, Oct 2007 General Conference © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

7. **What did Jesus mean when He said, “I am in the Father, and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one”** (3 Nephi 11:27)?

“I do not apprehend that any intelligent person will construe these words to mean that Jesus and his Father are one person, but merely that they are one in knowledge, in truth, in wisdom, in understanding, and in purpose; just as the Lord Jesus himself admonished his disciples to be one with him, and to be in him, that he might be in them. It is in this sense that I understand this language, and not as it is construed by some people, that Christ and his Father are one person. I declare to you that they are not one person, but that they are two persons, two bodies, separate and apart, and as distinct as are any father and son.” *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph F. Smith © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

9. Joseph Smith testified that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ are separate beings, “I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other—This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!” (Joseph Smith—History 1:17.)

Since then all of the modern prophets have also testified. President Gordon B. Hinckley once said, “And so I believe in God the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost. ... Their individuality was made apparent when Jesus was baptized by John in Jordan. There in the water stood the Son of God. His Father’s voice was heard declaring His divine sonship, and the Holy Ghost was manifest in the form of a dove (see Matt. 3:16–17).” *Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Jul 2006 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

10. **Why is it important for each of us to know for ourselves (have a testimony) that God the Father, His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost are three separate personages who are one in purpose and that God and Jesus have bodies of flesh and bone?** (Discuss ideas.)