

Baby booklet on the Trinity – engagement strategies for the next generation

Trinity Booklet Project Overview

- Marc developing children's booklet on Trinitarian theology
 - Target age: toddlers (2-4 years old), similar to board book series
 - 5 sections with 4-5 propositions each
 - AI-generated artwork throughout
- Personal motivation: Trinity rarely addressed substantively
 - Only 1-2 Trinity sermons in past 5 years
 - Common analogies lead to errors of modalism and partialism
 - Aims to help lay foundations about who God is, early in children's development

Booklet Structure & Content

- Section breakdown:
 1. God is one (love, forever, creator, with us)
 2. God is three (Father, Son, Spirit - community of love)
 3. God loves us (He created us, brought us into communion)
 4. Jesus reveals profound love
 5. We live in His love (Spirit enables knowing God)
- Recurring theme: "You are included"
- Simple format: one image per page, short statement, parent explanation text
- Spiral pedagogy approach: present truth even if not fully explained

Feedback & Concerns Received

- Age appropriateness questions:
 - Abstract concepts like "forever" may be too advanced for toddlers
 - Missing response to "what's gone wrong" – children's negative experiences
 - Suggestion for series: basic concepts first, deeper questions in follow-up books
- Theological concerns:
 - Visual representation of God problematic (looks like imagery of the sun)
 - Terminology of 'father' may trigger those with negative parental experiences
- Design feedback:
 - Add full color backgrounds to pages
 - Consider interactive elements (lift-the-flap features)
 - Board or soft cover book format essential for target age
 - AI art concerns discussed - consider hiring illustrator

Distribution & Next Steps

- Publishing options under consideration:
 - Self-publish
 - Established publisher for credibility/distribution
 - Start with PDF distribution, grow organically
- Companion materials needed:
 - Parent's guide for reading and handling questions
 - Move "where to learn more" section to parent's guide
- Testing planned:
 - Nursery leader feedback (ages 2-3)
 - Baby and toddler group trial