

# One Plus One Equals Three

## Recommended Age:

Lower Elementary

## Theme:

When we are gathered in Jesus' name, He will be there with us.

## Object:

A set of flash cards which you will make yourself.

## Scripture:

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20 [NIV]

It is back to school time! All around the world, children have either already started back to school or they will very soon. As a teacher, I can tell you that one thing that is very important for a teacher is to find out what their students already know. That way, they will know where they should start in teaching them what they should know.

I was wondering if it would be a good idea for our Sunday School teachers to give a little quiz to find out how much their students know about the Bible? As an experiment, I made up a sample quiz to try out on you this morning. Are you ready? If you know the answer, raise your hand.

How many of each animal did Moses take on the ark with him? (allow time for answers) Let's turn the card over and check our answer. "None!" I thought the answer was two. Oh, that's right, it was Noah that built the ark, not Moses.

Here is question number two. Are automobiles mentioned in the Bible? Let's check our answer. "Yes, in Acts 2:1" Let's see what it says in Acts 2:1. . . "When the day of Pentecost was come, they were all in one accord." Hey! I don't think it is talking about a Honda Accord automobile there!

Those first two questions were trick questions, weren't they? Well, I promise you that the next question is not a trick question. Here it is: According to the Bible, can one plus one ever equal three? Let's check our answer. "Yes!" How can that be? The answer is in the Bible. Jesus said, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Oh, I see, if two are gathered in Jesus' name, Jesus is there with them — so one plus one equals three.

Look around this room. I'm not sure exactly how many people are here this morning, but whatever the number is, you can add One to it, because Jesus is here too.

Dear Jesus, we thank you for being here with us this morning as we gather together to worship in your name. Amen.

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