

“Tripod Sunday”
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Barabas and Elizabeth are hanging around in the Gathering Space waiting for the grownups before going in to the worship service. Running Chairs came rushing up saying “Like you know, like my brother is getting, you know, like he is getting confirmed today. His name is Lotso because when he was born my father said that our family sure needs lots of chairs at dinner time like and my mommy said Lotso Chairs it is, so like you know today is the day and he has his white robe on and is outside getting his picture taken with Pastor Ed and all.”

“Nnnnnn . . .” said Barabas.

“And like you know everyone from the horse barn, I mean like EVERYONE, cause even my Aunt Arm Chairs and my Uncle Straight Back Chairs is here and my baby cousin High Chairs and ALL of my brothers and sisters cause this is like a very important day for Lotso.”



“You do have a big family.” said Elizabeth. “In my house there is just me and Aunt Gertrude, cause mommy and daddy are in Tanzania for the summer. Your house must be very talkative!”

“In MY house there’s just Uncle Floyd and me.” said Barabas. “Well, unless you count Jeter and A-Rod, but they are dogs and can’t talk.”

“Well,” said Running Chairs. “Lotso had to have a like, you know an interview with Pastor Ed and Lotso had to explain lots of things to Pastor Ed to show that he was paying attention in the classes on Sunday mornings and he had to say about the Trinity and all, which I don’t understand because how can there be THREE persons and only ONE god at the same time, because that’s what the Trinity is. Lotso explained it all to me but I didn’t understand.”

“I don’t think anybody really understands all about the Trinity.” said Elizabeth.

Barabas’s mind drifted away from the talkative chatter of Running Chairs. As he looked out the window in the Gathering Space he saw the whole confirmation class was outside with the photographer. He noticed the tripod/camera that the photographer had and he saw that the tripod had three legs. “Hmmm, three in one . . .”

Barabas saw the white board there and took a marker and said “Look Running Chairs. Here is a camera.” And he drew a camera.

“And here is a tripod, just like outside there. And lets say that this camera/tripod is God!”

Barabas grew more animated as he drew this explanation!

“And then I can draw an earth for the tripod camera to stand on and you can see that to the little people on the earth that the camera God is too big for them to see and understand, but that they CAN see the three places where God’s feet have touched the earth! See?!”

“Oh yeah!” said Elizabeth. “And one leg could be God the Father, Creator and one leg could be God the Son, Jesus Christ and one leg could be God the Holy Spirit. Barabas, you should be a pastor!”



“I reckon . . .” said Barabas.

“No, like really!” said Running Chairs. “Like, you know, we should call this Tripod Sunday!”
And off she ran to be with her whole big talkative family! THE END