

UNDERSTAND WHO YOU ARE!

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Hallandale, FL

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Coral Gables, FL

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Miami Gardens, FL

Children's Message: *Father God, Son, and Holy Spirit Loves Us!*

Object: a bag of Tootsie Rolls (pass out the candies after the children's sermon)
Scripture: Romans 8:14-17

Pro: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Rec: *Spirit Song (verse 1 only)*

Good morning, boys and girls. Have you ever had a Tootsie Roll? They're good, aren't they? Did you know that Tootsie Rolls were the first candy in the United States to come wrapped up in paper? That's right, most candies used to be sold in big jars, with no paper around the candy. But, Tootsie Rolls were the first candy to come in its own wrapper. There's an interesting story behind Tootsie Rolls. They were created in 1896, that's over 100 years ago. The man who created Tootsie Rolls was named Leo Hirschfield. Where do you think he got the name for his candy? Well, Leo named the Tootsie Rolls after his six year-old daughter. Her name was Clara, but her nickname was Tootsie. Leo loved his daughter, and he thought it might be a fun idea to name his candy after her. So that's how the Tootsie Roll got its name because a daddy loved his daughter.

Today we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday, and it's a very special day because this is the day when we remember how our Daddy in heaven, or I should say, our Father loves us. And, we also celebrate how his son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit he sent into the world loves us too. So, today, let pray and thank God for giving us our Father in heaven who love us as Mr. Hirschfield loved his daughter, and also how God's son Jesus and the Holy Spirit loves and guides us also. Amen.

DEAR LORD: Thank you for giving us daddies to love us so much. Amen.

AND, MAY THE PEACE OF GOD WHICH PASSES ALL HUMAN UNDERSTANDING
KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGH CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.