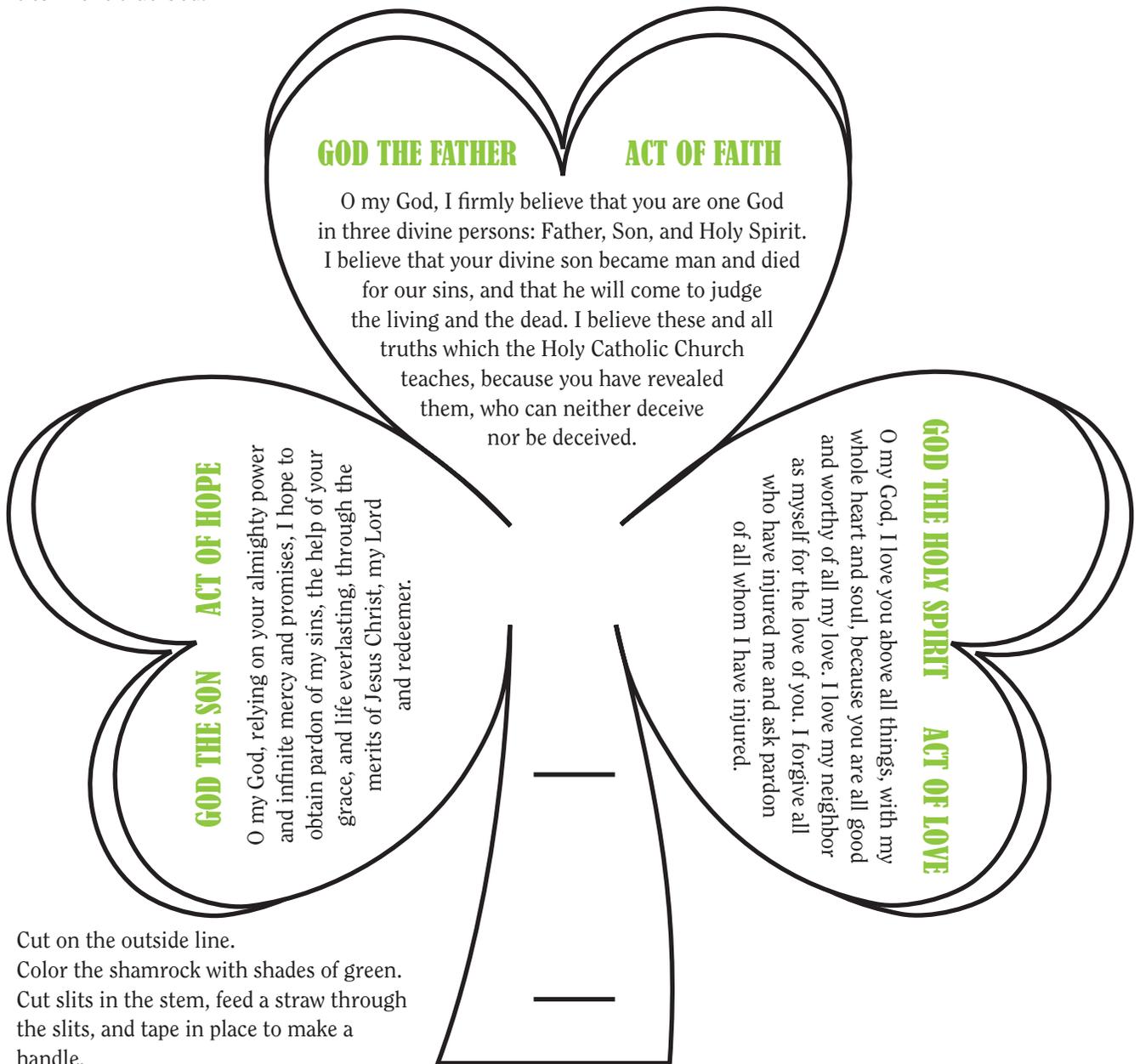




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# St. Patrick and the Shamrock: The National Irish Symbol

It has been told through the ages that St. Patrick chose the shamrock, or clover, to explain the story of the Holy Trinity. Most clovers have three petals on one stem—three in one. God the Father (creator), God the Son (Jesus our savior), and the Holy Spirit (who brings us courage to be evangelizers of the good news) are three distinct parts of the one true God. The pagan culture in St. Patrick’s time had many references incorporating the concept of three, and the shamrock made it easier to understand the mystery of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit being three distinct entities in one true God.



Cut on the outside line.  
Color the shamrock with shades of green.  
Cut slits in the stem, feed a straw through the slits, and tape in place to make a handle.

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