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HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit is God



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Holy Spirit is not just the "power of God" or "God's active force;" He is Himself God.
- The Holy Spirit, being God, possesses all the attributes of God.
- The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity.
- Explain to the children the meaning of Trinity.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Acts 5:1-11; Matthew 3:13, 16, 17; Matthew 28:19; Psalms 139:7-10



MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 6:19: "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own ..."

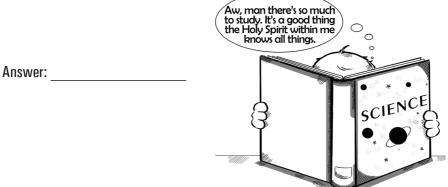


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Look up the verses given below and write down whether each is talking about the Omnipotence, Omnipresence or Omniscience of the Holy Spirit:

1 Corinthians 2:11-12

"For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us."





"The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life."

Answer:



John 14:17

"... the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you."

Answer:



In John 14:17 who is Jesus referring to as the Spirit of truth?

What does this verse say about the Holy Spirit being everywhere?

In 1 Corinthians 2:11-12, what does it say about the Holy Spirit being all-knowing?

How does this help us?

In Job 33:4, what does it say about the Holy Spirit being all powerful?

List down the things children your age might need God's power for:

What difference would it make if the Holy Spirit were giving you power in these situations?

Why is it so important for us to know and believe that the Holy Spirit is God?



APPLICATION

The Holy Spirit is God and is the third person in the Trinity. The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and Son to work in our hearts.

Jesus mentioned in John 14:17 that the Holy Spirit 'is in us.' Our Memory Verse for today from 1 Corinthians 6:19 says, "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?" Maybe so far in our lives, we have failed to acknowledge that the Holy Spirit is God and have failed to realize that we ought to give attention to His presences in our lives. If we have done so, let us ask Him to forgive us.

The Holy Spirit wants to take up personal residence inside of us. The Holy Spirit lives in the hearts of those people who believe in Jesus as Lord and accept Him into their lives. When we do this, we can have a joyful life filled with the presence of the Spirit.

After you make Jesus the Lord of your life, you already have the Holy Spirit living in you. The Holy Spirit desires to work in and through each believer, but you may ask why hasn't He helped you if He's there? Well, the Holy Spirit is the perfect gentleman. He'll never force anything on you. He can and will work only to the extent you allow Him to. He'll just wait for you to open your life and allow Him to work in your life. So decide right now to allow Him in. Begin to experience His presence in your life by building your relationship with the Holy Spirit by speaking to Him every day, not just when you are praying but at different times of the day.

You can say, "Holy Spirit, give me the power not to do or say the wrong things today." When you are facing your test or exam you can say, "Holy Spirit, give me the power to be honest and not copy in my test." When you are tempted to lie to parents or teachers, ask the Holy Spirit to give you the power to speak the truth even if it means getting punished for being honest. When your friends are doing the wrong things say, "Holy Spirit, help me to guide my friends in the right way." If you want to share about Jesus with someone, ask the Holy Spirit who the person is and ask Him to give you the power to speak to them and the wisdom to know what to say. When you say these things, the Holy Spirit within you will give you the strength and ability to walk in His ways and become more and more like Jesus.

In your choices and plans every day, ask the Holy Spirit to help you choose what is according to God's plan and will for your lives. Once you begin to acknowledge His presence in your life by speaking to Him, you will see how beautifully He will lead you.

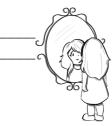


TAKE HOME

Take some time this week to write down a few lines about yourself: My Introduction:

✤ Your name

✤ How I look



Two best things about my nature/characteristics E.g., friendly, helpful, caring, sharing etc.





FOLLOW UP

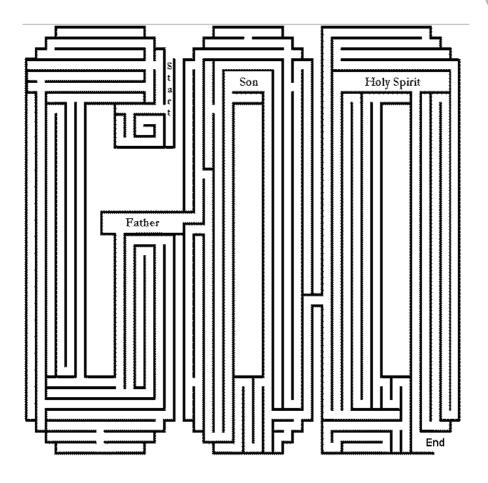
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List down the times you asked The Holy Spirit to empower you this week. How did you experience His power and help?





(Taken from coultervillechristian.com)



HOLY SPIRIT

Personality of the Holy Spirit



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To help children understand that the Holy Spirit is a real person and relates to us as a person.
- To show to the children the significance of the Holy Spirit relating to us as a person.
- To show children how the Holy Spirit helps us.



MEMORY VERSE

John 14:26 (NKJV): "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the following stories to see how the Holy Spirit helps us:

Case Study 1

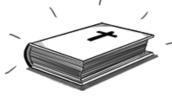
Sneha loves and believes in Jesus, but she is having a problem with her temper. She often finds herself shouting at her younger sister and friends when she plays with them. It makes her very unhappy right after she has shouted at them. She knows it is wrong and that it makes Jesus very sad. So she asked the Lord Jesus to forgive and help her control her temper—the Holy Spirit did help her. Slowly she found she could control herself—because the Holy Spirit gave her the strength to do so.

mother asked her to read Romans 8:26. After her mother explained this passage

Susan studies in a Christian school and is the only Christian in her class. Every Thursday during the class assembly, Susan's class teacher asks her to read a small passage from the Bible and pray. Susan has fear of reading and speaking in front of a group of people. When she does, she stammers, her throat chokes and it looks as though she is going to cry.

To avoid making a fool of herself in front of the whole class, she started making up excuses to avoid going to school on Thursdays. Her mother soon realized that every Thursday, Susan does not like to go to school. Susan finally told her mother the reason. Her





to her, Susan began to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help her in her weakness—to overcome her fear of speaking in public and to help her pray in front of everyone. Slowly Susan gained confidence and began to do a good job at the class assembly.

According to Roman 8:26 how does the Holy Spirit help us?

Case Study 2

Peter was a Christian but his best friend, Ravi, was not. Peter wanted Ravi to know that it is Jesus who created him and that He loves him so much that He died on the cross for his sins. The Holy Spirit helped Peter speak to Ravi about Jesus and invite him to the Christmas Outreach program held in Children's Church. But Ravi did not show any interest in attending. So, Peter prayed and



asked God to do something, so that Ravi would believe in Jesus. The Holy Spirit did just as Peter prayed. Peter began speaking to Ravi whenever he got an opportunity. One day, the Holy Spirit worked in Ravi's heart; He showed Ravi that he was a sinner and that he needed to be saved. Ravi accepted Jesus into his heart.

Who gives us the courage and helps us witness about Jesus to our non-Christian friends? Read Acts 1:8 to find the answer.

Who helped Ravi know that he was a sinner? Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13 to find the answer.

Case Study 3

Ronnie was a very shy boy. On Sundays during worship time, he saw most of the people in church sing, clap and raise their hands and worship God. Ronnie being a shy boy longed to worship God just like the others but he just could not do it. One day before beginning worship, the worship leader read out to the church from John 4:23-24.

After reading from the Bible, the worship leader led the church in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help them worship God in spirit and in truth. Ronnie prayed that prayer very sincerely and with all his heart. The Holy Spirit helped him to worship God. Ronnie not only sang and raised his hands in worship, but also



knelt down at times as an act of worship. Oh! How wonderful!

How does the Holy Spirit help us to worship God?



APPLICATION

How wonderful to know that God the Father sent the Holy Spirit to help us do things which will glorify Him. Our parents and friends may not always be around to help us but the Holy Spirit is always there with us to help us.

Do you have a special need? The Holy Spirit is able to meet it. He will help you.

Do you need your sins to be forgiven? Do you need to trust and put your faith in Jesus? The Holy Spirit will help you to trust in the Lord Jesus.

Do you have a problem or weakness in your life? The Holy Spirit will guide, strengthen and help you over come it.

Do you find it boring to reading your Bible, pray and worship God?

When you read your Bible do you find it hard to understand some passages? Or do you avoid praying because you do not know what to pray? Remember the Holy Spirit will help you understand and make known to you the truth as you read God's Word. He will help you pray and worship God.

Do you find it hard to witness to your friends? The Holy Spirit will give you the boldness, and will also help you say exactly what is necessary.

Remember the Holy Spirit will help you when you acknowledge His presence and activity in your life and ask Him to do so.

Write down areas where you need the Holy Spirit to help you.

Begin by praying about the areas where you need help and see the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit. Come back next week ready to share your testimonies.





(To be filled up before the next class.)

List down the areas how and where the Holy Spirit helped you:



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY <

(Taken from jesusforchildren.org)

The power of the Holy Spirit is in every child of God. You need His power to:

Use this code to fill in the spaces: 1=A, 2=B, 3=C, 4=D, 5=E, 6=F, 7=G, 8=H, 9=1, 10=J, 11=K, 12=L, 13=M, 14=N, 15=0, 16=P, 17=0, 18=R, 19=S, 20=T, 21=U, 22=V, 23=W, 24=X, 25=Y, 26=Z

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3.					the way God tells you.
	12	9	22	5	-
4.					others how they can become God's children.
	20	5	12	12	

The Holy Spirit is with you all the time.

He is with you when...

(Mark out all the X's and J's to find out some times the Holy Spirit is with you.)

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... you need to be kind to a F X R I J E X X N J D.

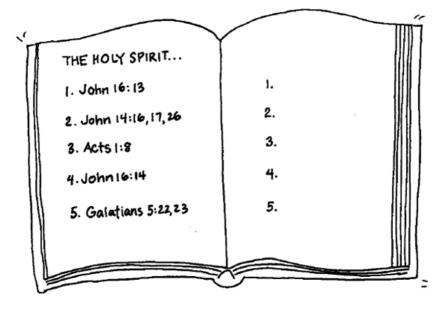
... there is a J T E X R R J I B L E J S X T O J R M.

... It is your turn to X S J H J A X R J E X.

... you are J J S X I J J C X X K J.

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- 1. Leads you to truth and helps you be a person of integrity.
- 2. Is your Helper.
- 3. Helps you witness (tell others about Jesus).
- 4. Helps you praise Jesus (give glory to God).
- b. Gives you love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.



In the Bible God tells you ways the Holy Spirit helps you. Printed in the Bible below are some verses. Find and read these verses in your Bible. On the right-hand page of the Bible below, write or draw pictures to tell what the verses say about the Holy Spirit.

HOLY SPIRIT

Symbols of the Holy Spirit



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the children to the symbols used to describe the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
- To explain the significance of the Holy Spirit coming down as a dove, fire and wind.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Matthew 3:13-17; John 3:1-8 and Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)



MEMORY VERSE

Leviticus 20:26: "You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own."

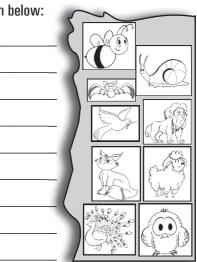


ATTENTION GETTER

A simile is when we compare one thing to another— when we say that one thing is similar to another.

Write down the Similes for the sentences given below:

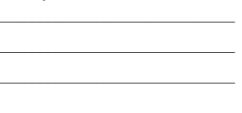
- 1. Sharon is always as busy as a
- 2. Ryan is as slow as a
- 3. Without my glasses I am as blind as a
- 4. Raja is as brave as a
- 5. Rita is as cunning as a
- 6. After my exams I will be as free as a
- 7. David is as innocent/gentle as a
- 8. Reena is as proud as a
- 9. Deepa is as wise as an





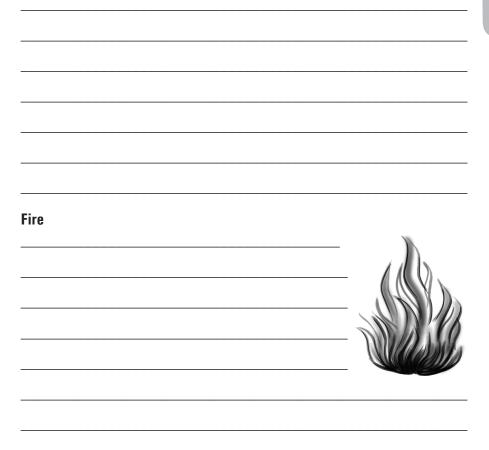
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The specific symbols used to represent the Holy Spirit are related to common every day things: wind, water, fire, water, etc. Perhaps it is God's way of getting us to think of the Holy Spirit more than we usually do. So how can we remind ourselves of the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, as we move through life each day?





Wind





APPLICATION

This coming week, take one symbol of the Holy Spirit each day, and invite Him to work in your life in a fresh way. Experience His power to change you and minister to you in the areas you have mentioned above.



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

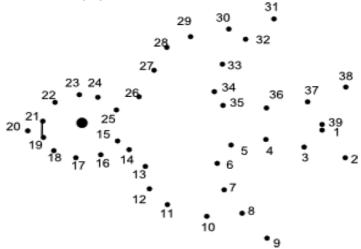
List down the areas where you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit to change you and minister to you:



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY <

Work the puzzle to see a dove, a symbol of the Holy Spirit. (Taken from ministry-to-children.com)

Search the words for the symbols used to describe the person and work of the Holy Spirit



SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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~ Charles

HOLY SPIRIT

Work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.
- The Holy Spirit is still active among believers today.
- One way the Spirit operates through the believers today is through the nine gifts of the Spirit.



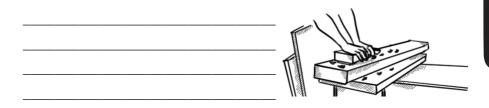
MEMORY VERSE

Luke 11:13: "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Did the Holy Spirit enable people to do miracles and give them power, skill, talent, and wisdom only in days past, or does He still work among the believers today? To find the answer, read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11.



In what way is it helpful for us to know that the Holy Spirit enabled people in the Old Testament?

How does the Holy Spirit enable children/people with special skills today?

Since the Holy Spirit gives us the gifts of wisdom and understanding to make us skillful, does this mean we don't have to work hard?

The power of the Spirit enabled Samson to tear the lion with just his hands. How does the Holy Spirit empower believers today, to do mighty acts for God? Read Acts 1:8 to know the answer.



APPLICATION

The Holy Spirit is here for us to experience Him in our daily lives. He works differently in each of our lives, depending on what we are called to do. If you need to experience more of His working in your life, you need to constantly talk to Him, ask Him for the gift you need, listen to Him and yield to His leading. We must not be afraid to follow what the Spirit is telling us. This is a relationship that is built over time. The more we know the Holy Spirit the more we are able to experience Him.

Begin by constantly talking to Him, asking Him for His help, and asking Him for the gifts we need, depending on the things you are doing. Example: Ask Him for wisdom and knowledge to be the best at what you are doing—like painting,



drawing, playing an instrument, cooking, writing stories or poems etc.

If you are a leader in school, ask Him for wisdom and knowledge so that you can be an example of a godly leader in your school.

If you want to witness to others about Jesus, ask Him for power and boldness.

When you pray for sick people, ask Him to perform miracles of healing.

If you need correction in some area of your life, or you need encouragement and direction, ask Him to reveal God's truth and plans.

When you ask the Holy Spirit, He will surely fill you with the needed gifts and help you. Remember He is your helper.

Among the nine gifts write down the gifts you needs:



LESSON

Write down the areas where you want these gifts to operate in your life:





(To be filled up before the next class.)

List down the areas where you experienced the gifts of the Holy Spirit:



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

This week, read a few of the miracles done by the early apostles, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Read one passage beginning from today and each day of this week. Next week, we will see what we learn from these passages.

Sunday	:	Acts 3:1-10
Monday	:	Acts 8:1-8 and 14-17
Tuesday	:	Acts 16:16-18
Wednesday	:	Acts 19:1-11
Thursday	:	Acts 9:32-43
Friday	:	Acts 28:1-10





(Taken from ministry-to-children.com)

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Before Jesus came, the Holy Spirit did not live inside every person. God sent the Holy Spirit into a person when He had a special job for the person to do. Read each verse, and write the name of the person who received the Holy Spirit.

o interpreted dreams and advised the raoh of Egypt o made beautiful things from gold, silver,
bronze
udge who led the people of Israel
was the king of Israel and wrote utiful songs
advised the king of Babylon and rpreted dreams



HOLY SPIRIT

Work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To introduce the children to the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.
- To help children see the difference in the working of the Holy Spirit during Old Testament times and at the Pentecost.



MEMORY VERSE

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

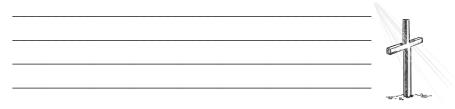
In Acts 14:16-17, Jesus told His disciples that the Holy Spirit would live with them and be in them forever. In the Old Testament, did God give the Israelites any such promise?

When we studied the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, did we see the Holy Spirit living in anyone forever?

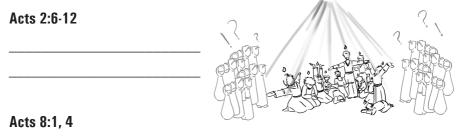
In Acts Chapter 2 and the following chapters, we saw the apostles and all the believers (Jews and Gentiles) receiving the Holy Spirit. Did all the Israelites and Canaanites receive the Holy Spirit as well?

How do we know that God is in us? Read John 14:17, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:16 and 1 Corinthians 6:19.

Why did the Pentecost happen only after and not before Jesus died and went up to heaven?



What were the outward signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the believers? Read the following passages:



Acts 4:32

All the miracles Jesus did were by the power of the Holy Spirit. Did the disciples do the same miracles that Jesus did?

Can we too heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out demons?

CONCLUSION

In closing, let us look at the difference in the working of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testament:

OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT				
Holy Spirit came upon a few people	Holy Spirit came upon everyone who accepted Jesus as God				
Holy Spirit came upon just a few Israelites	Holy Spirit came upon everyone who believed in Jesus				
Holy Spirit came upon them till they completed the task assigned to them by God	Holy Spirit indwelt in them forever				
A few of them manifested the gifts of the Holy Spirit	Everyone in whom the Holy Spirit lives will manifest the gifts of the Holy Spirit				



APPLICATION

We are so privileged to have God not only for us and with us, but also in us. The promise Jesus gave his disciples in Acts 1:8 was not just for the disciples, but for each and every one who believes and accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior. When we accept the Lord Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes and lives with us. However, when we pray for the Holy Spirit to come and fill us, He helps us begin to operate in the power of the Spirit and helps us manifest the nine gifts of the Spirit.

If you are born again, the Holy Spirit lives in you. Your body is the temple of the living God. Christians rarely believe that God lives in them. If we knew God lives in us and that our bodies are the temple of the living God, we would not talk and act as we do sometimes.

Since you know that the Holy God lives in you, what changes are you going to make; and what are the things you will stop doing that that will make Him sad? This week pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon you just like He did at Pentecost and thereafter. Be open to the working of the Holy Spirit in your life.





(To be filled up before the next class.)

Having learnt that our bodies are the temple of the living God, write down how you lived as a child of God this week:



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

This puzzle is called a Cryptogram. At the top there is a KEY that lists all the letters from A thru Z with a box below. Each of the letters has a corresponding number. Below this is a secret phrase. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase.

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Acts 2:2-4



HOLY SPIRIT

Indwelling Work of the Holy Spirit



LEARNING OBJECTIVES <

- Work of the Holy Spirit in a person before he is born-again.
- The Work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life.
- How the Holy Spirit manifests Himself in our lives.



MEMORY VERSE

Galatians 5:22: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

It is the Holy Spirit living in us who produces the Fruit in our lives. So should we just wait for the Fruit of the Spirit to be seen in our lives?

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ESSON 6

GENTLE

SELF

What does it mean to be joined to the Spirit? Read John 15:5.



How can we be connected to Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

What happens when we choose to live in the Spirit?

Some people say they have accepted the Lord Jesus; but we still see them lying, using bad words, fighting with others, being rude, selfish, angry, jealous of others etc. Why does the Holy Spirit not change them?

Is it God's desire that we bear Fruit? Read John 15:8.



APPLICATION

Do you feel that your life is miserable, sad and frustrating, just like Riya's? The Holy Spirit is willing to change you into the person that God intended you to be—full of joy and abundant life. Are you willing to ask Jesus to come into your life?

If you have accepted Jesus into your life, the Holy Spirit is living in you. But are you saying, "I haven't changed much even after accepting Jesus into my life. I still get angry, I copy, I disobey and back-answer my parents. I fight with my siblings and friends, and don't have the confidence to do anything or participate in any competitions." If this is the case, then you have not allowed the Holy Spirit to take complete control over your life and help you.

You can make a choice today. Do you want to continue as the same person, or do you want to say, "Holy Spirit I need your help. I know you alone can change me and make me like Christ. I want to be like Jesus; so please take control of my life. Help me to manifest the Fruit of the Spirit in my life. Thank You for hearing my prayer in Jesus' name. Amen."

Beginning today, thank the Holy Spirit for living in you, and pray each day for the Holy Spirit to do His work in your life and manifest the Fruit of the Spirit in your life.



FOLLOW UP

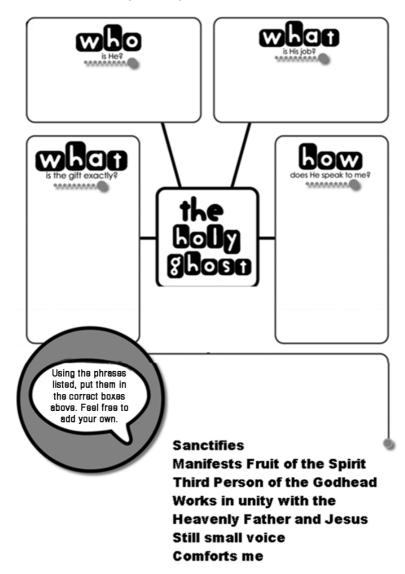
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Having learnt that our bodies are the temple of the living God, write down how you lived as a child of God this week:





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TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

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The Holy Spirit helps us manifest the fruits of the Spirit. Traverse through the maze and pick up each one.

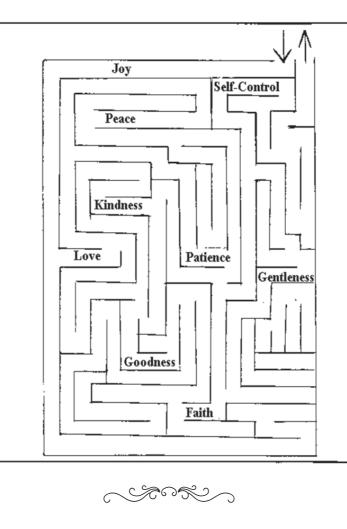
The Holy Spirit

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HOLY SPIRIT

Infilling Power of the Holy Spirit



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the children to the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- Explain that a person is baptised in the Holy Spirit after they are born-again.



RECAP

- Do a recap of last week's lesson by asking a few questions.
- Recite the Memory Verse for last week.



MEMORY VERSE

Acts 2:17-18: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Did all believers in Samaria receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Does the baptism of the Holy Spirit happen only when there are a group of people as it happened at Pentecost and as we read in Acts 8?

Even if there is just one person, will they receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Read Acts 9:17-19.

Do people receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit only when someone lays their hands and prays for them, as we read in Acts 8 and in Saul's case.

Read the true story that happened in Champa (Chattisgarh):

In the village of Champa in Chattisgarh, many Hindus were accepting the Lord. But Priya, a Hindu girl, decided that she would never become a Christian. Her family was going through a lot of problems. Her father who was very sick did not have a job, so they did not have the money

to eat three meals a day. Other family members were sick, her mother was demon-possessed and, Priya never had joy and peace in her life.

One day God touched her and she accepted Jesus into her life. Two months after she accepted Jesus, she was praying one night.



At around 11:00 pm she started worshipping God, and as she worshipped God, she felt her tongue twist and she started speaking in tongues. For the next three days, whenever she opened her mouth to speak or answer her mother and sisters, she found herself speaking in tongues. Her mother thought an evil spirit had come upon Priya. She ran to the Pastor's house and told him what had happened to Priya. The Pastor told her not to worry because she was baptised in the Holy Spirit and was speaking in tongues.

In Priya's case, no one laid hands on her. She had this desire in her heart and prayed that she would be baptized in the Spirit and God answered her prayer. Like Priya, many others were baptised in the Holy Spirit when they were praying all alone in their house or elsewhere.

Does the baptism of the Holy Spirit happen only after a person is baptised in water?

Does it mean that everyone who asks for this gift will receive it right away?

Is the baptism of the Holy Spirit always accompanied by speaking in tongues?

Is speaking in tongues the one and only sign of being baptised in the Spirit?



APPLICATION

Have you been baptised in the Holy Spirit? If you have not, begin praying from today and ask God to fill you with His power. I hope you have been talking to the Holy Spirit everyday. If there is any fear in your heart about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you can talk to your teacher. Remember, the Holy Spirit who is in you will help you. So speak to Him and ask Him to take away your fear and baptise you, so you can boldly witness to your friends about Jesus, extend God's healing to those who need it, and God's freedom to those who are bound by demons. Also begin by sharing Jesus with your friends, and praying for the sick. Believe that you will see a miracle happen and God will do it for you.

When you are praying this week, the Holy Spirit may baptise you. Experience His working in your life and thank Him. If not, come prepared next week and we will pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Children's Church.



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

Write down how God worked powerfully in you this week, when you witnessed about Jesus to your friends and when you prayed for those who were sick.



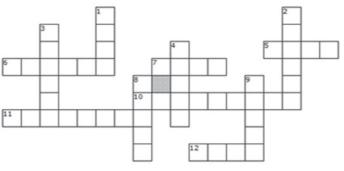


Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)





ACROSS

- 5. Make something to be full
- 6. To be totally surprised
- 7. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
- The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
- Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
- 12. A destructive burning

DOWN

- Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
- 2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
- 3. The place where God lives
- 4. Something that can be heard
- 8. To say words, to use the voice
- 9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN	SPIRIT	FIRE	HOLY
WIND	PENTECOST	LANGUAGE	SPEAK
SOUND	FILL	HOUSE	AMAZED

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