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# THE HOLY SPIRIT

## *Holy Spirit is God*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the children to the concept of Trinity.
- To help children understand that the Holy Spirit is God.
- To help children understand the attributes of God in the Holy Spirit.
- To help children understand that the Holy Spirit relates to us as a person.



### MEMORY VERSE

**John 14:16-17:** "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth."



### INTRODUCTION

The name or title "Spirit" is used 500 times in the Bible with reference to the Holy Spirit. The New Testament mentions the Holy Spirit 264 times. The names of the Holy Spirit help us understand who He is, His nature, His attributes and His work in our lives and in the lives of believers.

In today's lesson, we'll answer two questions—who is the Holy Spirit and Is the Holy Spirit God? We will answer them by looking at the different names of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. The names we will consider in this lesson particularly identify the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit.



## TEACHING CONTENT

### I. The Holy Spirit Is God

#### A. Holy Spirit and the Father are One

Names of Holy Spirit that reveal His oneness with the Father:

1. Spirit of God
2. The Breath of the Almighty
3. The Voice of God
4. The Spirit who is from God
5. Spirit of the Lord
6. The Glory of the Lord

These are only a few of the various 'identity' names of the Holy Spirit that emphasise aspects of His Deity and He being one with God the Father.

#### The Holy Spirit as *Elohim*|God

Some of the identity names of the Holy Spirit link Him to Elohim, an Old Testament name for God. These names include:

1. Breath of God
2. The Finger of God
3. The Fullness of God
4. The Gift of God
5. The Holy Spirit of God
6. The Seal of God
7. The Seal of the Living God
8. The Seven Spirits of God
9. The Seven Spirits of God Sent Out into All the Earth
10. The Spirit of God

11. The Spirit of Our God
12. The Spirit Who Is from God
13. The Spirit of the Holy God
14. The Spirit of the Living God
15. The Spirit of the Lord God

The Old Testament name Elohim, usually translated “God,” is by far the most common name for God in Scripture. This name is derived from the Hebrew word El, meaning “Strong One.” Therefore, Elohim is the Strong One. This name is used more than 2,500 times in the Old Testament, often to remind the reader of the strength or faithfulness of God and often used in connection with God’s rule over His creation. The various identity names of the Holy Spirit that link Him with Elohim tend to emphasise the divine nature of the Holy Spirit and Him being one with God the Father.

### **The Holy Spirit as *Jehovah*/LORD**

Some of the identity terms of the Holy Spirit link Him to the name Jehovah, another Old Testament name for God. These terms include:

1. The Breath of the LORD
2. The Lord
3. The Spirit of the LORD
4. The Spirit of the Lord GOD
5. The Voice of the LORD

Although the name Jehovah is not a specific part of the title, the name Jehovah, printed LORD in many Bible translations, means “Self-existent One.” Self-existent One means that God does not depend on anything else for His survival. He is self-sufficient and eternal. If Elohim (God) is the primary name of God in Scripture, Jehovah (LORD) can be called the personal name of God in Scripture. The various identity names of the Holy Spirit that link Him with Jehovah emphasise the divine nature of the Holy Spirit and Him being one with God the Father.

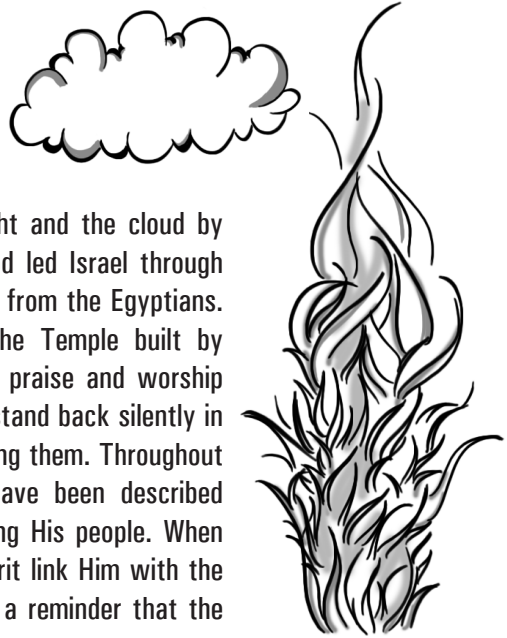
### **The Holy Spirit as *Shekinah*/Glory**

Two identity names of the Holy Spirit link Him to the Shekinah glory that was manifest in the wilderness wanderings, in the tabernacle and in the first Temple of Israel. In this regard, the Spirit is identified as:

1. The Glory of the Lord
2. The Spirit of Glory

The Shekinah glory of God was a self-revelation of the presence of God in the midst of His people.

Originally, the pillar of fire by night and the cloud by day were the means by which God led Israel through the wilderness and protected them from the Egyptians. When the Shekinah glory filled the Temple built by Solomon, those who had come to praise and worship the Lord could do little more than stand back silently in awe of God's unique presence among them. Throughout history, revivals of the Church have been described as God manifesting His glory among His people. When the identity names of the Holy Spirit link Him with the Shekinah glory of God, it is again a reminder that the Holy Spirit is God.



## **B. The Holy Spirit and God the Son—Jesus Christ are One**

Names that reveal the Holy Spirit's relationship with the second person of the Trinity—God the Son—Jesus Christ are:

1. The Spirit of His Son – The Holy Spirit has the same nature as Jesus.
2. The Spirit of Jesus – The Holy Spirit does the work of salvation.
3. The Spirit of Christ – The Holy Spirit assists in the threefold (prophet, priest and King) anointed office of the Son.
4. The Spirit of Jesus Christ – The Holy Spirit assists in the balanced ministry of the Son.
5. Spirit of Him Who Raised Up Jesus – By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was raised from death to life.
6. Spirit of the LORD – The Holy Spirit was the One who anointed Jesus

- 7. Spirit of the Lord GOD – to preach and empowered Him to do the miracles.

We see that the Holy Spirit has the same nature as Jesus and the Holy Spirit was involved in:

- His virgin birth.  
His ministry—anoointed Jesus to preach and empowered Him to do miracles.
- Strengthened Him when He was tempted by the devil for 40 days.
- In assisting Jesus to fulfill His role and the salvation plan of God on earth.
- Raised Him from the dead.



**II. Holy Spirit is a Person**

Read the verses given below and write what attributes of a personality are ascribed to the Holy Spirit:

**1 Corinthians 2:11** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 1:17** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 15:30** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:26** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 4:30** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 63:10** – \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**– \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. The Holy Spirit Possesses the Attributes that are Unique to God**

A few titles (names) of the Holy Spirit in the Bible that reveal His characteristics, that are unique to God alone:

1. The Breath of Life – Self-existent and has the power to give life to creation
- 2 The Eternal Spirit – Without beginning without end
3. The Spirit of Judgment – God alone has the power and the authority to judge. Likewise, the Holy Spirit being God has the power to judge
4. Your Generous Spirit – His giving nature
5. Your Good Spirit – His attribute of goodness
6. Holy Spirit – His holy nature
7. Spirit of Grace – His nature to forgive and to bestow blessings
8. Spirit of Truth – His truthful nature
9. Spirit of Wisdom – His omniscience (All-knowing)
10. Steadfast Spirit – His unchanging character

We see that the ten names of the Holy Spirit speak of Him having the nature of God. God alone is self existent – He does not depend on anything for His existence. God alone is holy and is unchanging in His character. He has no beginning and no end. God alone is all knowing and He alone has the power to give life and forgive sins. Thus the Holy Spirit is God.





**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Though the Bible speaks of the Godhead and there are 500 names of the Holy Spirit in the Bible which emphasise His nature as God and His relationship to the Father and Son; why don't people believe that He is God?**

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**The video clip that we saw in the beginning of the lesson shows attempts made by people to illustrate the Trinity using an egg, apple and different forms of how H2O exists. The video mentions that none of them are accurate ways of explaining the Trinity. Why?**

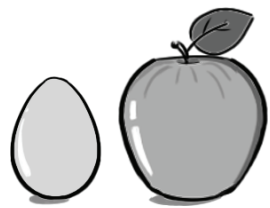
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**We learnt today that we have One God in three persons. Three persons because God had different jobs He wanted to do. What are the different roles/jobs of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?**

**Role of the Father:**

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**Role of the Son:**

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**Role of the Holy Spirit:**

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**How does our study today of knowing the identity names of the Holy Spirit that reveal His Deity and divine nature, help us?**

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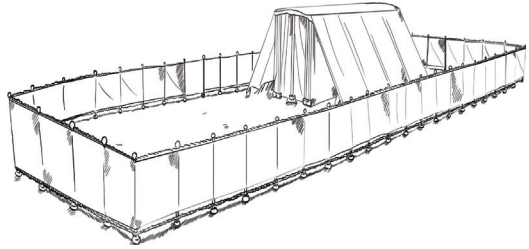
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## APPLICATION

From the different names of the Holy Spirit that we learnt today, we see the relationship that the Holy Spirit shares with the Father and Son. This is important in us having a vital relationship with God. From the beginning, it has been God's desire to dwell with people and have fellowship with them. He prepared a garden where He met with Adam and Eve regularly. Later, He gave Moses the plans for the Tabernacle, and His glory rested in the Holy Place in the center of His people. When the Tabernacle wore out with age, Solomon built a temple, which again was filled with the glory of God. Then, in the fullness of time, God became man and dwelt among us. As



Jesus prepared to go back to the Father, He promised He would send another Helper—the Holy Spirit. In this age, the Holy Spirit is the means by which God dwells in and among His people.

Is it not amazing to know that the God who is all-powerful, holy and who created the universe chooses to fellowship and dwell with man? So much so that He became man to live with us and die for your sins and my sins! This same God, thereafter did not leave us as orphans but sent the Holy Spirit to dwell (live) in us and make us like Him, and help us live our lives here on earth in accordance with God's will and plan.

What is your response to all that God has done? Are you willing to accept this God and make Him the Lord of your life? God chooses to live in you and in your life, and show Himself strong on your behalf.

For those of you who accepted the Lord as your Savior but failed to acknowledge the presence and working of God the Holy Spirit in your life, make up your minds today and decide right now to start opening that door to develop an awareness of the reality of the Holy Spirit within you. Start fellowshiping with Him by speaking to Him every day.

Each day of this week, thank God for His plan of salvation and for fulfilling the plan of salvation, so that you and I can be free from the bondage of sin and receive eternal life. Thank the Holy Spirit for living in you so He can make you perfect in God's image. Also get familiar with the Holy Spirit by speaking to Him every moment and acknowledging His presence in your life.

**How I viewed the Holy Spirit in the past:**

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**How do I view the Holy Spirit now:**

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**Changes I will make in my lifestyle to revere the Holy Spirit who lives within me?**

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**FOLLOW UP**

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**How I revered the Holy Spirit this week:**

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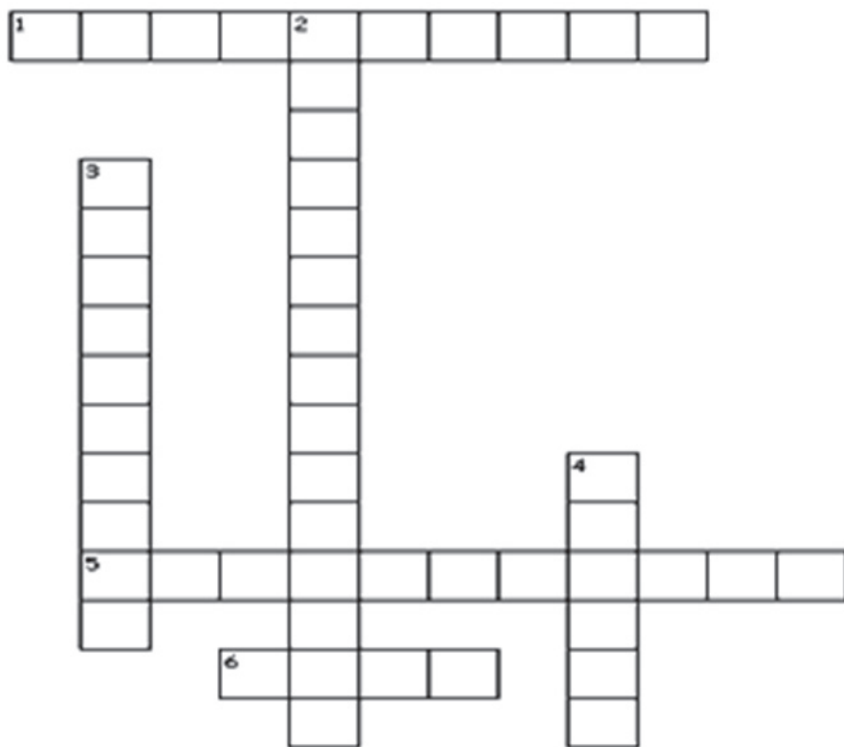
## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

### Across

1. Has the same nature as Jesus, does the work of salvation
5. When we say The Spirit of Wisdom we mean
6. The Holy Spirit has a \_\_\_\_\_ and the ability to make decisions

### Down

2. The name by which we refer to the unchanging nature of the Holy Spirit
3. The Holy Spirit possesses wisdom and \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Holy Spirit is referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.



# THE HOLY SPIRIT

## *Indwelling Work of the Holy Spirit*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn that the Holy Spirit is another helper just like Jesus.
- To introduce the children to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.



### MEMORY VERSE

**John 14:16–17 (NKJV):** “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”



### TEACHING CONTENT

In lesson 1, we looked at a few names of the Holy Spirit in the Bible and answered the questions—who is the Holy Spirit? Is the Holy Spirit God?

In our lesson today, we will answer the questions—where is the Holy Spirit and what is His work/role in our lives? We will try answering these questions by looking at a few more names of the Holy Spirit. We'll

look at some of the works of the Holy Spirit that are attributed to His indwelling presence in us.

## I. Holy Spirit is our Helper

### A. Holy Spirit Helps to Convict Us of Sin

The Holy Spirit helps unsaved people accept Jesus by revealing their sin to them. The Holy Spirit convicts them of their sin by enabling them to seek salvation.

There are names in the Bible given to the Holy Spirit that involves these two aspects of His work in our lives:

- The Eternal Spirit – His priestly role in intercession for the unsaved.
- The Spirit of Grace – He accepts the sinner for salvation.
- The same Spirit of Faith – He enables the sinner to believe.



### B. Holy Spirit Indwells in Us

When a person is convicted of sin, repents and asks Jesus to come into their life, the Holy Spirit comes and indwells in them.

### C. Regenerates Us

When the Holy Spirit comes and indwells in them. We call this experience as being "born-again," and the Bible calls this new life as "Regeneration." This regenerative work of the Holy Spirit gives us:

A new life—new nature that has the power to say no to the old nature of sin and has the capacity to please Christ in everything we do.

Makes us part of God's family—we are sons and daughters of God. Hence, we are entitled to every spiritual and physical blessing.

Gives us eternal life, this is not just life unending; it is a new quality of life (i.e., God's life). The Holy Spirit removes our dirty old nature and attitudes, and makes us new.

The names of the Holy Spirit that show us this aspect of His work in our lives are:

- A New Spirit                   – He gives the repentant sinner a new nature.
- The Spirit of Life           – He makes the convert alive to God.

### **D. Holy Spirit Seals Us**

The name of the Holy Spirit that shows us this aspect of His work in our lives is:

The Spirit of Adoption—He makes us heirs of God.

When the Holy Spirit indwells in us, He seals us with Himself to guarantee our salvation and that we belong to God, and we are His children.

### **E. Holy Spirit Sanctifies Us**

The Holy Spirit not only seals us but also sanctifies us. He makes us holy by motivating us to repent and turn away from sin. Second, He sets us apart for Himself and will transform us by renewing our minds and making us like Jesus.

All this the Holy Spirit will only do only when we read our Bible and pray every day. If we do not spend good regular quality time in reading the Bible and praying, then the Holy Spirit is not going to move on the inside of us to sanctify us to the degree that God would really want. That is why true sanctification is accomplished by both the Word and the Spirit working together.

Why can the Holy Spirit sanctify us only when we spend time reading the Bible? Jesus in his prayer to the Father, said in John 17:17: Sanctify them by the truth, your Word is the truth. God's Word is truth and when we read God's Word, it alone can reveal our sins and weaknesses. And once we are aware of our sins, the Holy Spirit will help us overcome them.



## **II. Holy Spirit is our Teacher**

The Holy Spirit performs all the duties a teacher does: He guides, reveals, teaches, tells, shows, leads and as a human teacher would do even reproves, corrects and convicts us.



Some of the teaching names of the Holy Spirit are:

The anointing – He removes spiritual blindness

The Spirit of Counsel

The Spirit of Revelation

The Spirit of Truth – He communicates truth

The Spirit of Knowledge – He makes believers know facts about God

The Spirit of Wisdom

The Spirit of Understanding

Jesus said in John 14:26, “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” The Holy Spirit teaches us all things and reminds us of everything that Jesus said.

### A. Holy Spirit Teaches Us All Things

The Holy Spirit teaches us the truth and helps us understand the truth. Jesus said in John 16:13 that the Spirit will guide us into all truth.

The Holy Spirit helps us understand the truth from God’s Word (1 Corinthians 2:9-14).

The Holy Spirit is not only the author of the divine revelation—The Bible—but He also interprets what He has revealed. When you read the Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to the wondrous things in God’s Word. He will interpret the revelation in the Bible to us and will reveal to us the deep secrets known only to God. That is why He is known as the Spirit of Revelation. When He reveals things to us from God’s Word, we will begin to enjoy reading God’s Word and we’ll no longer find it boring to read God’s Word. Not only will the Holy Spirit help us understand what all of the different Scripture verses mean but He will help us know how we can apply them to the different areas of our lives.



## B. Holy Spirit Brings to Remembrance the Words of Jesus

The Holy Spirit also brings to mind the teachings and promises of Jesus when we need them, when we are facing a problem or when we are ministering and praying for others or for ourselves. The Holy Spirit's most intense desire is to reveal Jesus Christ to men. He is willing and longing to do it when we allow Him to.

## III. Holy Spirit is our Intercessor

Two terms for the intercessory work of the Holy Spirit in our lives are:

The Spirit of Supplication – He motivates the believer  
to pray

The Spirit of Access – His role in helping us to pray

The Holy Spirit is our Intercessor who prays for the believer, with the believer and in the place of the believer. Why? "For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26). We are not always aware of what to pray for, in some specific need. The Holy Spirit makes sure the believer always prays properly. That means, no matter how the believer prays or what the believer prays, the Holy Spirit makes the words come out right when presented to the Father in heaven.



## IV. The Holy Spirit Is Our Guide

Jesus said in John 16:13—"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth." Jesus does not promise that the Holy Spirit will control us. He says He will **guide** us. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, helps believers discern between what is true and what is not; what is wise and what is foolish; what is best and what is simply OK. Each day is full of decisions. Most of our decisions

concern issues not clearly spelled out in the Scriptures, for example, which college or course to choose, which country to study in, which company to join or who to marry.

As you are flooded with the details of everyday living, the Holy Spirit will guide you. He will give you that extra on-the-spot sense of discernment that you need to make both big and small decisions. As you develop a greater sensitivity to His guidance, you will worry much less about the decisions you make. Why? Because the Holy Spirit is a trustworthy guide and He is the only person who can communicate God's will to us because He lives in us and has direct access to our minds, emotions and consciences.

The Holy Spirit does not just guide us in the more important matters concerning our lives but also in the trivial things as well.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Video Presentation

**Video:** The Invisible Helper

**Sometimes we find ourselves caught in situations where we cannot fully explain or express ourselves. How can we handle this?**

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**How is the Holy Spirit our Helper in these situations?**

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**How did Linda and Mary discover that they have an invisible friend who is able to help them do the right thing?**

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## Video Presentation

**Video:** My Best Friend

**Discuss some of the feelings Jasmine was going through.**

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**All of us need a best friend and someone we can confide in. For some, this could be one of our peers, for others, it is a family member. For Jasmine who was it?**

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**How is the Holy Spirit your best friend?**

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## APPLICATION

What kind of friend would you like to have? You would definitely want a friend to love you, to care about you and your problems and to share in your happiness. Would you want this friend to be honest, to tell you the truth even when it hurts, and to point out your faults with kindness in order to help you do better? Maybe you would like your friend to be wiser, stronger, and better than you are. And the more time you would spend together, the more likely that like your friend you would become stronger, wiser and better than you are now.

Do you sometimes feel that no one understands you or cares about your problems? Do you need someone who you can share with about what you are going through and help, encourage and guide you? God understands and cares about you! He knows just what you need. He loves you so much that He sent His Holy Spirit to be your special Friend and Helper.

The Holy Spirit is our Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthenener and Standby (John 14:16, The Amplified Bible). His ministry is to bear us up, to help us and to strengthen us.

The Holy Spirit should be your best friend. He was sent here to encourage you and constantly assure you of God’s love. He is the most important and most powerful person in your life. He wants to come and live big on the inside of you! He wants you to make Him welcome on the inside of you, so that He can have His way in you and so you can be what He wants you to be, and say what He wants you to say, and do what He wants you to do. The Holy Spirit wants to become real to you and He wants you to acknowledge Him in all that you do!

**Would you like to have the Holy Spirit as your Friend and Helper?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you want to know the Holy Spirit better?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you want the Spirit of truth to teach you?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your response to Him today?** \_\_\_\_\_



**TAKE HOME ACTIVITY**

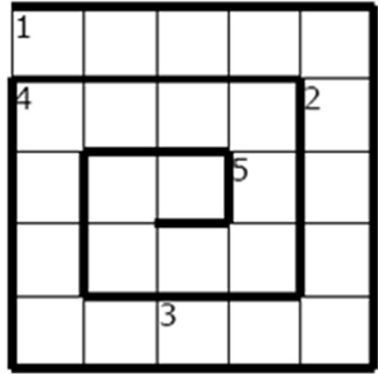
**Read the Scripture references on the left. Write in front of each, the number of the work of the Spirit listed on the right that is mentioned in the reference.**

a) Isaiah 11:2	1) Gives power
b) Ezekiel 36:27	2) Teaches
c) Joel 2:28	3) Reveals the truth
d) Luke 2:12	4) Gives wisdom, knowledge and skill
e) Micah 3:8	5) Gives prophecies, dreams and visions
f) John 16:13	6) Causes you to keep God’s laws

## The Work of the Holy Spirit

(Taken from sermon4kids.com)

1. To show the way by leading, directing or advising
2. To express your thoughts, opinions, or emotions orally
3. A statement proven to be or accepted as being true
4. To receive a sound using your ears
5. God coming to us without human body; The Holy \_\_\_\_\_



truth	Spirit	speak	guide	hear
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### FOLLOW UP

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**This week how did you experience the Holy Spirit as a Teacher – to understand the Word of God.**

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**Guide – in making the decisions and choices you had to take.**

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**Helper – help received in your studies, sports or other activities.**

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**Counselor – counsel you received in overcoming temptations.**

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**Intercessor – help you received in praying.**

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# THE HOLY SPIRIT

## *Infilling Power of the Holy Spirit*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Children will understand the difference between water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism.
- Children will learn that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift of God and we receive it by faith.
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all believers.
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit empowers us to be His powerful witnesses on earth.



### MEMORY VERSE

**Acts 2:17-21:** "... I will pour out of My Spirit on all people. Your sons and your 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 shall prophesy."



### TEACHING CONTENT

In lesson 2, we learnt the work of the Holy Spirit as a result of His indwelling presence in our lives. But there is so much more that the

Holy Spirit gives and does in our lives. In this lesson, we will learn the work of the Holy Spirit which is attributed to His infilling power in us so that each one of us, whether we are children or adults can be His powerful witnesses to continue the work that Jesus began on earth.

Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus told His disciples in Acts 1:4-5: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."



## I. Facts about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

From the incident in Acts 8:5-6 we learn:

- That baptism of the Holy Spirit is not the same experience as being born-again or being saved.
- A person is baptised in the Holy Spirit only after they are born-again.
- When a person is baptised in water, he is not baptised with the Holy Spirit. This means that water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism is not the same. Water Baptism is an outward sign that a person has accepted Jesus in their lives. It is also a way of declaring to the church family that they have accepted Jesus and are 'born-again.'
- All the believers who were baptised in water needed to be baptised with the Spirit. That is why the apostles sent Peter and John to baptise them in the Spirit.
- The people in Samaria were baptised in the Holy Spirit a few days after they were born-again, just like the disciples who waited in Jerusalem a few days before they were baptised with the Holy Spirit as we read in Acts 2:1-13.



From this incident in Acts 10: 24-48 we see:

- All the people were baptised in the Holy Spirit at the same time they were born again.
- They were first baptised with the Holy Spirit then in water.
- God made known to the disciples that the baptism of the Holy Spirit was not only for Jews but for the Gentiles as well.

## II. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is for All Believers

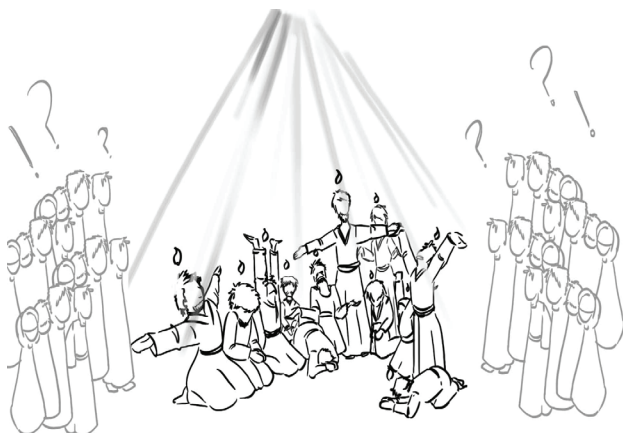
God made known to the Jews that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is given not only to the Jewish descendants but to all people—that includes all of us.

**Joel 2:28-29:** "... I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days."

## III. Speaking in Tongues is the First Outward Evidence of Being Baptised in the Spirit

Speaking in tongues is a supernatural gift of God and the first outward evidence that a person is baptised in the Spirit. It is speaking in an unknown language, in a language that the person does not know or has not learned; but God knows and understands.

We speak in tongues when the Holy Spirit gives us the utterances or releases the words into our spirit as it is mentioned in Acts 2:4: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."



From our spirit, these words flow out through our vocal organs. We speak these out by faith and as an act of our will. While there are other uses for speaking in tongues, the primary purpose of praying in tongues is for us to speak to God and not to men. So this language is sometimes called a prayer language or heavenly language.

#### **IV. Infilling Power of the Holy Spirit**

Jesus wanted His disciples to be baptised in the Holy Spirit so that they can be empowered to be His witnesses. So He told His disciples in 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.”

Jesus also wanted His disciples to continue to do the same miracles and even greater things than what He Himself had done. Jesus said in John 14:12: “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an infilling of spiritual power. The Greek word ‘dunamis,’ translated power, means ‘ability’ and ‘might.’ When you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you receive the ability of God to do His work on earth. We receive power to be witnesses and share about Jesus to others. We also receive power to do the same miracles that Jesus did—heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out demons—just as the disciples did after they were baptised in the Spirit.

Just as Jesus said, the disciples on the day of Pentecost received power when they were baptised in the Holy Spirit. After this, we see them no longer being those timid and frightened disciples who lacked faith and power, and we read in the book of Acts that they did the same miracles that Jesus did.

Record the group findings below:

#### **Group I**

**Matthew 17:16-21** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Act 2:43** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 5: 12, 15, 16** – \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 8:5-7** - \_\_\_\_\_

## Group II

**Matthew 26:56** - \_\_\_\_\_

**John 20: 19** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 16:9-14** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 4:31** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 5:40-42** - \_\_\_\_\_

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## Group III

**Mark 14: 66-72** - \_\_\_\_\_

**John 18:7-11** - \_\_\_\_\_

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**Acts 4:1-3, 5, 7, 8, 10-13** - \_\_\_\_\_

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The lives of the disciples were transformed after they were baptised in the Spirit. They were able to powerfully witness and share about Jesus, and do extraordinary miracles like Jesus did. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not just for older people but for children as well. When children are filled with the Holy Spirit, it is not a Junior Holy Spirit that comes upon them nor do they speak in 'baby-tongues.' Children receive the same Holy Spirit that Peter and John did, speak in tongues just like they did and also receive the same power that will enable them to do the same miracles that the disciples did.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Did the disciples and people who were baptised in Samaria have to do anything to be baptised with the Holy Spirit? Why? To find the answer read Ephesians 4:7-8 and Psalms 68:18.**

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**What makes one eligible to receive the Holy Spirit? To find the answer read Galatians 3:1-2 and Isaiah 44:3.**

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**The disciples and people in Samaria were baptised in the Holy Spirit a few days after they were born again. Does it take months and years before people are baptised in the Spirit? Read the testimony of a great minister of God Dr. D G S Dhinakaran (also known as Apostle of Love) to see how long he waited before he was baptised in the Spirit.**

At the age of 20, Dr. Dhinakaran was depressed and unable to bear the anguish of poverty, sickness, unemployment and many failures in life. In an attempt to put an end to all these miseries, he walked towards the railway track to end his life. On the way, he met his uncle who shared about Jesus Christ.

After Dr. D G S Dhinakaran received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour, he started seeking the Lord fervently, reading the Scriptures and waiting in the presence of the Lord for many hours. He was diligently seeking the Lord for seven long years. He was pleading, "Lord! Hear my prayer and grant me your power! I don't want to live a dried up Christian life anymore!" He wanted



to have communion with God like the saints in the Bible. On 10th October 1962, during family prayer, a divine presence filled that room. He saw Jesus face-to-face and heard Him say, "I am Jesus. I have come to bless you." The Lord then filled him with His Holy Spirit.

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**If we want to be baptised with the Spirit, should we too pray like Dr. Dhinakaran did or should we just wait to receive this gift from God? To find the answer read Luke 11:9-13.**

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**The believers in Samaria received the Holy Spirit when Peter and John laid hands on them and prayed. Can people receive the Holy Spirit even if there is no one to lay hands on them and pray?**

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**Based on 1 Corinthians 13:8, people say that tongues were important during the establishment of the Early Church. Now since the church is established, tongues have ceased or stopped. Do you think this is true?**

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**Based on 1 Corinthians 12:28–30 people say, that speaking in tongues are not necessary for all believers. Do you think this is true?**

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**Can a person pray in tongues anywhere and at any time?**

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**In 1 Corinthians 14:14-16 Paul says he will pray with his spirit. What is the meaning of praying in the spirit?**

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**APPLICATION**

God’s design is for every believer to be baptised in the Holy Spirit. He wants to give this magnificent gift to every believer, including children. God wants you to experience Him to the fullest. Now that you have asked Jesus into your heart and you are a child of God through Christ Jesus, take the next step to fullness in Him by seeking the fullness of the Holy Spirit! And in doing so, you will excel more than you could ever imagine in your prayer life, your life at school and when you go out, and minister to others.

Luke 11:9-13 mentions that the heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him? As a son/daughter, we are to ask the Father for the Holy Spirit. When we ask expectantly and without fear, we are told that we will receive the good gift—the Holy Spirit.

When you receive it something wonderful will happen to you. It will be Power! Power! Power! You will be endued with God’s power and God’s ability! Dare to believe for this truth and power to be displayed in your life, and you will be a witness to men that JESUS IS ALIVE!

For those of you who have been baptised with the Spirit, exercise your faith and begin to use the power you have been given to minister to others so that unbelievers will experience His presence and power, and put their trust in Him. Believers would desire to be baptised in the Spirit so that Christ can be glorified.

**1. Are you filled with the Holy Spirit? How do you know?**

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**2. Do you really desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Why?**

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## FOLLOW UP

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**Those of you who are baptised with the Holy Spirit, how did you use the infilling power of the Holy Spirit this week.**

**Those of you who are yet to be baptised with the Holy Spirit what did you do this week to be filled with the Holy Spirit.**

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## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

**Unscramble the letters to find the words. (Hint: the words are taken from today's lesson).**

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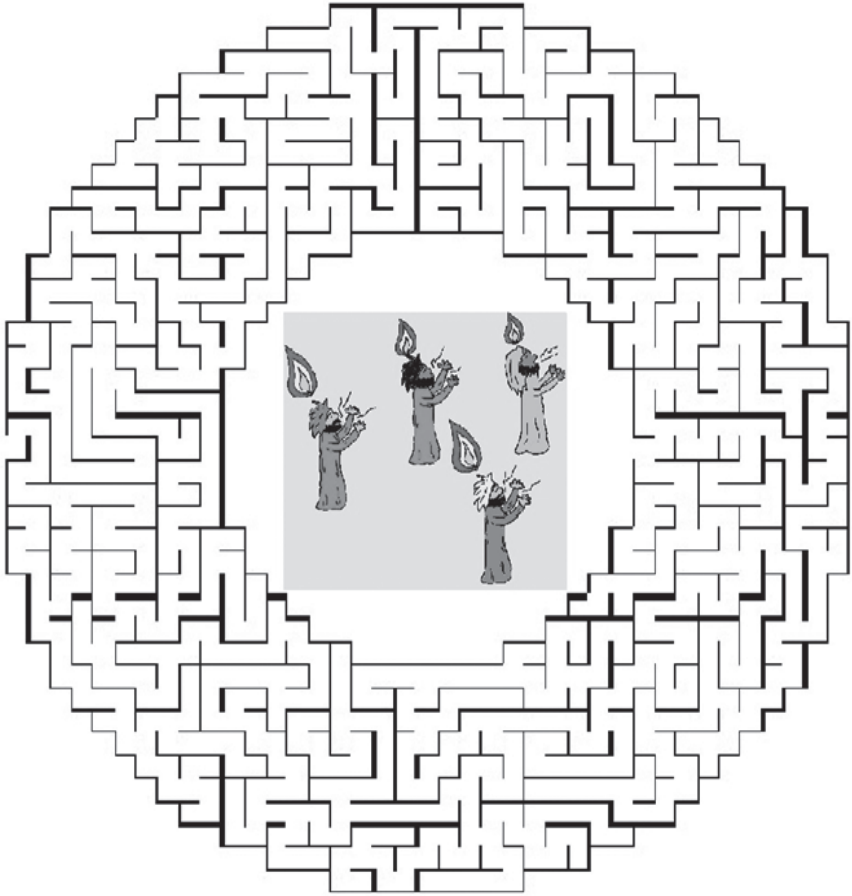
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# Pentecost Maze



# THE HOLY SPIRIT

## *Fruit and Gifts of the Holy Spirit*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain to children the need to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit.
- To introduce the children to the nine gifts of the Spirit.



### MEMORY VERSE

**Galatians 5:22-24:** "... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no law. Those who belong to Christ's have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires."



### TEACHING CONTENT

In lesson 3, we learnt about the fullness of God's power that we receive when we are baptised in the Spirit. This power enables the person to witness, minister, edify (build up), exhort (encourage) others, speak in tongues, perform miracles and manifest the gifts of the Spirit.

Being baptised with the Holy Spirit, however, is just not a once-for-all experience. Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:18, we need to be continually and constantly be filled with the Spirit. In this lesson, we will learn how to be continually and constantly filled with the Spirit and how to manifest the gifts of the Spirit.

## Gifts of the Holy Spirit

When we are baptised in the Spirit, His power enables us to manifest the gifts of the Spirit. There are nine gifts of the Spirit. The nine gifts can be divided as:

### Three Revelation gifts—Gifts that reveal something (“Power to Know”)

Word of Wisdom  
Word of Knowledge  
Discerning of spirits

### Three Power gifts—Gifts that do something (“Power to Do”)

Gift of faith  
Working of miracles  
Gifts of healings

### Three Vocal gifts—gifts that say something (“Power to Say”)

Prophecy  
Different kind of tongues  
Interpretation of tongues

The Holy Spirit gives the believer all the gifts, so that a believer can flow in all the nine gifts of the Spirit. The gifts are an expression of the Spirit. Operating in the gifts of the Spirit is the Holy Spirit expressing Himself through us to glorify Jesus. That’s why it is said that the gifts are the manifestation of the Spirit. These gifts are not given to believers to own and operate as they wish, for their own personal, selfish reasons. They are given to:

To instruct and edify the church  
To convince unbelievers and  
To glorify Jesus



FORBEARANCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

SELF-CONTROL

GENTLENESS

FAITHFULNESS

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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**Duration:** 5 minutes and 7 seconds

**How do I walk in the Spirit and bear fruit?**

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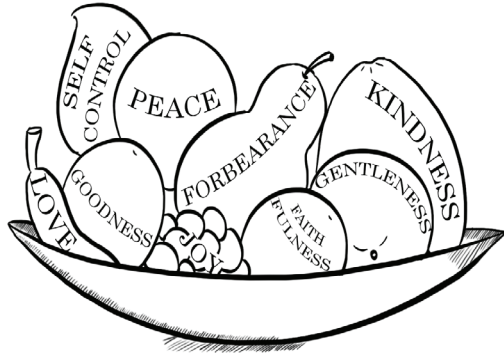
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**What is the difference between the fruit of the Spirit and gifts of the Spirit? Are both important? Discuss in short their roles in the life of a believer.**

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**Can we walk and live in the Spirit by our own strength and effort?**

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Which two commandments do you think are most important to living the Spirit-filled life? Why? To find the answer, read Matthew 22:36-40.

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Some people say they are born-again, but their lives don't show the Fruit of the Spirit. Why? To find the answer read Galatians 5:16-18.

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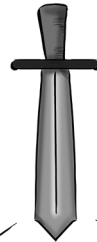
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Works of the flesh

Lookup the references given below to find out the areas we need to walk in the Spirit:

Ephesians 4:2, 3 - \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 13:13 - \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 5:7 - \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 2:10 - \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:17 - \_\_\_\_\_

2 Thessalonians 3:6 - \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 5:2, 3 - \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 5:8, 9 - \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 5:15, 16 - \_\_\_\_\_

3 John 3, 4 - \_\_\_\_\_

FORBEARANCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

PATIENCE

SELF-CONTROL

GENTLENESS

PATIENCE

SELF-CONTROL

GENTLENESS

We learnt that when we don't live in a way that pleases God, we grieve the Spirit of God. What are some ways we can grieve or hurt the Holy Spirit? Look up the references below to find the answer.

Ephesians 4:30 \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 Thessalonians 5:19 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Hebrews 10:29 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Acts 7:51 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Psalms 106:33 \_\_\_\_\_  
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List the works of the flesh and the Fruit of the Spirit:

WORKS OF THE FLESH	FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



## APPLICATION

1. Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? If yes, what are you doing daily to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
2. Are you reading the Word daily?
3. Are your prayers just routine prayers or are you spending time talking and listening to God daily, during your prayer time.
4. Are you living according to your own desires and will?
5. Are your choices according to the desires of the world and flesh?
6. Have you been living a life of continual deliberate sin in some areas of your life, even after knowing it is wrong?
7. Have you been obeying God in every area of your life?

If your answer is mostly 'Yes' to questions 3–7, then you know that you have been feeding and gratifying (satisfying) the desires of your flesh. Thus, you have been quenching the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life.

The Holy Spirit is real, and should not be ignored. He is always speaking to us through our conscience, often called our "intuition" or a "gut" feeling. No matter what your level of spiritual development, make a quality decision to yield to the Holy Spirit. Choose to share in His work of sanctification by yielding to Him. Choose to obey His commands and pray for strength to put to death the desires of the flesh.

When we walk, live and are led by His Spirit, He will produce His fruit and manifest His gifts in our lives. Thus His glory is manifested through us and others will know Him as God. Are you willing?

**Write down what you will do to put to death the desires of the flesh and how you will live according to the Spirit.**

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FORBEARANCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

SATIATEDNESS

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**Note to the Facilitator:**

Before the children leave, ask them to take a look at the Take Home Activity in their student workbook. Encourage them to read the passages given from Acts chapters 27, 10 and 5.

**Say:**

Every day this week, read the following Scripture passages which talk about the infilling power of the Holy Spirit. We'll discuss these passages next week.

- Monday** : Acts 27:1-11
- Tuesday** : Acts 27:13-26
- Wednesday** : Acts 27:27-44
- Thursday** : Acts 10:1-23
- Friday** : Acts 10:24-48
- Saturday** : Acts 5:1-11



**FOLLOW UP**

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**The deeds of the flesh I was able to crucify or kill and what fruit of the Spirit was I able to manifest this week:**

WORKS OF THE FLESH	FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT





# THE HOLY SPIRIT

## *The Revelation Gifts of the Spirit*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn the three gifts of the Holy Spirit which are associated with revelation.
- Children will learn how these three gifts of revelations operate through believers.
- To encourage children to value, share and receive Spirit-given wisdom, knowledge and discernment.



### MEMORY VERSE

**Isaiah 11:2:** The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD ...”



### TEACHING CONTENT

In lesson 4, we learnt that the Holy Spirit gives the nine gifts to all believers for the edification, instruction and building of the Church and to convince unbelievers. The nine gifts are an expression of the Spirit. When we operate in the gifts of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit expresses Himself through us to glorify Jesus.

God's desire is for us to experience the gifts of the Spirit. He wants us to understand their purpose and be effective in their use. Majority of people are ignorant of what they are, why they are given and how they can be used. Today, we'll learn about the three revelation gifts.

Three Revelation Gifts which spring from God's omniscient (all knowing) love are:

Word of Wisdom—gives us God's direction.

Word of Knowledge—gives us God's instruction.

Discerning of Spirits— Helps us determine whether or not a message, person, or event is truly from God.

"Revelation" means "the making known of information." God uses these three revelation gifts to reveal things supernaturally that we could not know through our natural senses.

## I. Word of Wisdom

The gift of the word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God, regarding the future of a believer or church. The word of wisdom may be given to solve a problem, make a decision in leadership, and help in instruction and so on. There is no restriction or limitation on the specific area (ministry, business, science, cooking, relationships and so on) in which the Spirit of God is to impart a word of wisdom. It is called a word of wisdom because even though God is Omniscient and all-knowing, He reveals just a word or part of what He knows to us.



Read the incident narrated by Dr. DGS Dhinakaran which illustrates the operation of the gift of Word of Wisdom.

“A young man and his wife began a small ministry in Bombay. On one occasion when I met them, they complained that there was no progress in their ministry; I prayed earnestly to God about this. The Lord gave me a word of wisdom.

Next day, I called them and said: ‘Conduct a healing service every month for the sick, when you should anoint them with oil and pray for them. Advertise the healing service on a large scale. People will come thronging to your church through the healing service and your church will



expand. This is the guidance from God.’ After listening to me, the young man raised a question: ‘We will certainly do what you have instructed us to do; but if the people do not get healed, when I anoint them with oil and pray, it will only create harmful results. Then what should I do?’ I replied, ‘Young brother, don’t worry! The Lord will definitely perform miracles.’”

After several months, I met a relative of this young man and made enquiries of the ministry of the couple. He said, “Brother, it is not just one church now, they have started a branch church too; all their churches are overflowing with people. God is working mighty miracles through them. Once, even a dead child was resurrected.” I was delighted.

We learn from the above incident that when the couple received a word of wisdom and acted on it; it enabled them to not only see their church overflow with people but also to begin other branch churches as well.

In this example, we see that the word of wisdom given was used to solve a problem, instruct, make a decision and encourage people.

## II. Word of Knowledge

**Word of Knowledge:** Is a supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God of facts in the mind of God concerning people, places or things.

The word of knowledge is not:

- Information that could be known naturally. By naturally I mean our own intellectual knowledge. It is not knowledge that we have gained apart from what the Holy Spirit reveals to us.
- It is also not having a deep knowledge of the Bible which comes through studying the Word of God. Yes! God helps us understand His Word; but this is not the same as the supernatural gift of the word of knowledge.
- It is also not the knowledge that we gain by walking close with God. As we walk closely with God, certainly our knowledge of Him increases; but this is different from the supernatural gift of the word of knowledge.

When the Word of Knowledge is in operation:

- We may see something in the spirit around a person or place.
- We may hear a word or phrase in our inner man.
- We may feel in our own body a manifestation of something concerning another person.
- When we receive a word of knowledge, it does not mean we are to act on it immediately. Often we need to wait for a word of wisdom to tell us how we are to proceed. At times the word of knowledge and wisdom will operate simultaneously and allow immediate fulfillment of God's purpose.
- A word of knowledge may be used by God to confront another person with sin in their lives or some wrong situation they are in. Such words must be given in love, in private.

## III. The Gift of Discerning of spirits

**Discerning of spirits:** Is the supernatural revelation into the realm of spirits—seeing and hearing in the spirit realm.

When we operate in the gift of distinguishing between spirits:

- We can test spirits behind speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues or prophecy.
- When ministering healing or deliverance to people, the Holy Spirit helps us see if an evil spirit is affecting a certain situation or is causing a person's behavior or sickness, so we can pray and minister correctly.
- The plans of satan can be discerned.
- When we face a situation or circumstance, we will be able to identify in a given circumstance what spirit (or spirits) surrounds us, quiet clearly and precisely.
- We can also detect false revelation or false prophets as mentioned in 1 John 4:1: "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."
- We may also discern the likeness of God, e.g., Moses whom God enabled to look into the spiritual realm. God hid Moses in the cleft of a rock, and covered the opening with His hand while His glory passed by. Then He removed His hand for a moment and allowed Moses to catch a glimpse of His back.

All through the Bible there are people who saw the likeness of God in visions. No one has seen the risen Christ, but through this supernatural gift of discerning of spirits, people have seen Jesus in the spirit realm.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Is there a difference between a word of wisdom and a word of knowledge?**

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**Do the gifts of the Spirit operate together or separately?**

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**From the examples of the Early Church we looked at today, can you suggest one example where we find the gift of the word of wisdom, word of knowledge and discerning of spirits in operation.**

**Word of Knowledge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Word of Wisdom:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Discerning of spirits:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Why is the operation of the gift of discerning spirits important for us?**

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## Video Presentation

**Video:** Testimony

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### How do we start to operate in the revelation gifts?

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### APPLICATION

Isn't it wonderful to know that we do not have to go through life lost and uncertain about our present or future? The Holy Spirit is willing to instruct, direct and help us discern if people, sickness, problems in our lives are from God or the devil.

The word of wisdom and knowledge that we can receive from the Holy Spirit can literally cover an infinite number of things in our daily lives. They can cover anything from something very small such as where we may have misplaced our book, to giving us life-saving knowledge on how to solve a problem at home or school.

You can discern if the intentions of your friends, extended family members are godly or not, by discerning the spirit that is in operation through them. God is willing to give you a word of wisdom or knowledge to help someone else in your family, friends at school, church or who you pass by on the street. There is so much the Holy Spirit wants to reveal to bless our lives and the lives of others around us, if only we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit and willing to listen to Him, and do what He is asking us to do however foolish it may seem to us.

Most of you, prepare a day before you go to school by packing your bag with books according to the time table. You also complete your homework for the subjects for



the next day. When we do some much to prepare to acquire worldly knowledge, should we not also prepare to receive God's wisdom and knowledge? This word of wisdom and knowledge is not just in spiritual matters but even in matters related to our studies and every detail of our lives.

Just like you prepare to go to school, so also, before you come to church prepare yourself every day of the week by reading the Word and praying. Maybe God will use some verse you read during the week as an answer for your problem or as a solution for someone else's problem. Once you are tuned to hearing from God throughout the week, you will not find it difficult to discern when God is saying something to you. Come desiring to hear from God!

**How are you going to prepare yourself to receive revelation from God?**

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### TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

**Read the below incidents narrated by Dr. DGS Dhinakaran which illustrates the operation of the gift of Word of Knowledge and Discerning of spirits.**

#### **Word of knowledge:**

"Several years ago, I was conducting "Jesus Calls" Good News Meetings in Krishnagiri, in South India. During an evening meeting, led by God, I asked for the tin box containing Prayer Requests of the people, to be brought to the dais. Hundreds of Prayer Requests were there. I asked the pastor who presided over the meeting, to pick out one Prayer Request from the box and read it. That



request was: 'Brother, please pray for my father who is seriously ill (in a particular town) in Sri Lanka. I am worried about him.' Moved by the Spirit of God, I called the sister who had written it, to the dais. Then I prayed for her father, with her standing near me. The gift of the word of knowledge came upon me; armed with that gift of the Holy Spirit, I was able to see before my eyes her house in Sri Lanka and the very room in which her father was lying ill. When I pleaded with God for him, I saw our gracious Lord Jesus touching him. When I described the details of her house, the sick man's bed and his room, the woman agreed, saying, 'Perfectly true!' She wept aloud.

Finally I said to her, 'Jesus has touched your father just now; he has been healed completely. You must contact him immediately and announce the news in the evening meeting tomorrow.' Just so, the woman testified that her father had received the healing, the next day."

We learn from the above incident how a word of knowledge from the Lord would bring great blessings and comfort to people.

### **Discerning of spirits:**

"A young man in a good position in an office was suddenly afflicted by an unknown fear. Haunted by this constant fear, he would run away from his seat in his office; sometimes he would jump out of moving vehicles, screaming, 'Someone is chasing me!' This fear tormented him day and night. One day he came to attend a church service. After the service, while the pastor and a servant of God were discussing certain matters, the young man started running, screaming, 'My God, those devils have come here, too!' Fortunately, some young men caught hold of him and held him tightly in their iron grip. The pastor began to pray for him earnestly. At this juncture, the gift of discerning of spirits descended on the servant of God, standing nearby. The Lord opened his spiritual eyes; he saw behind the young man a horrible many-headed figure raging against that poor



man. He saw a magician, too, in a faraway place, with a similar looking puppet of clay and invoking its attention toward him with his sorcery. He was moved with compassion for the young man and the power of the Holy Spirit came upon him. He rebuked that ferocious evil form. That was it!

'... Resist the devil and he will flee from you' (James 4:7). According to this verse, the wicked spirit fled from that place towards the magician and broke down all the vessels and other paraphernalia with which he was performing sorcery. The magician, shocked by what happened, also fled away.

The Holy Spirit showed all these scenes to the servant of God in a fleeting second. When he opened his eyes after prayer, the young man was completely delivered. His face had become calm. Full of smiles on his face, he said, 'That figure has disappeared. Praise be to Jesus!'"

We learn from the above incident how the gift of discerning of spirits is vital to understand what the real problem with a person is. Without this gift, some could mistake spiritual conditions to be a mental illness or vice-versa.



### FOLLOW UP

*(To be filled up before the next class.)*

**My experience of operating in the gift of word of wisdom, word of knowledge and discerning of spirits this week:**

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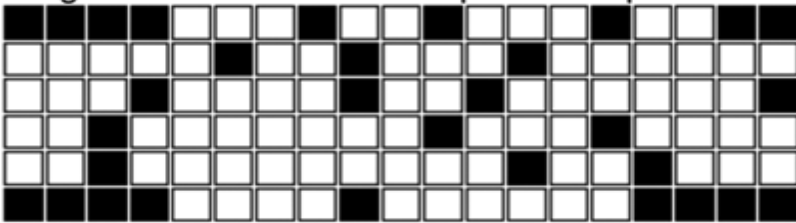
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## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

*(Taken from gospelhall.org)*

The following puzzle is a 'fallen' quote. All of the letters in the white squares have dropped to the ground. Raise them back up into their places to see what secret message they say.



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**Directions**—Put the letters in the empty squares directly above them.



# THE HOLY SPIRIT

## *The Communication Gifts of the Spirit*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn the three gifts of the Holy Spirit associated with communicating God's message.
- Children will learn how these three gifts operate through believers.
- Understand the purpose of the gift of tongues and its use in the church.
- Learn the benefits of speaking in tongues.
- Clear up any misconceptions about the gift of tongues.
- To encourage proper use of the gift.



### MEMORY VERSE

**Romans 8:26, 27:** "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."



## TEACHING CONTENT

In lesson 5, we looked at the three gifts of the Spirit associated with the revelation that spring from God's omniscient (all knowing) love. Today, we will look at the next three gifts of the Spirit associated with God edifying and inspiring us, which spring from God's omnipresent (present everywhere) love for His people.

What are the three vocal or communication gifts?

Different kind of tongues—the ability to speak in a foreign language that a person does not have knowledge of, in order to communicate God's message to someone who understands that language.

Interpretation of tongues—translate the tongues spoken in a language that others understand.

Prophecy—enables us to proclaim a message from God.

### **I. The Gift of Speaking in Different Kinds of Tongues**

As studied in Lesson 3, speaking in tongues are the initial physical evidence that a person is baptised with the Holy Spirit. The person uses this gift to speak in tongues during their personal prayer time, or in prayer meetings and when worshipping God. This is done for their own personal spiritual growth. At these times, they are not manifesting the gift of speaking in different kind of tongues as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12.

Another distinction is that when a person speaks in tongues, the Holy Spirit through a man's spirit speaks to God. So it is man speaking to God. Whereas, when the gift of speaking in different kind of tongues is in operation, God through a person gives a message to an individual or to the church.

When God desires to give a message to the church in tongues, the person through whom He desires to give that message will experience an anointing, sense the prompting and urging of the Holy Spirit from deep within his spirit to give a message in tongues. They should wait until the correct time, remember, the Holy Spirit would

never interrupt Himself. The utterances should not be shouted, but spoken clearly without excessive emotion.

Example: The writer Norvel Hayes, in his book "Endued with Power", narrates an incident when he had just finished speaking at a night service, when God asked him to walk and pray in the Spirit while he was still on the stage. After praying for a long time, he suddenly felt God's power come upon him. He heard a woman sobbing and weeping in the audience. The woman told him that her daughter,



still in her twenties was working overseas as a missionary among tribals. She contracted a rare disease and was dying, and there was no way to bring her back home.

The woman in the audience had learnt the tribal language of the people her daughter ministered to. It turned out that Norvel had been speaking in the same tribal language. She interpreted what Norvel prayed. She said, "You began to speak out the wonderful works of God and the healing power of God for my daughter. When the note of victory came, God's healing power swept over where she was, shot down through her body, and healed her. Glory be to God! Thank You, Jesus!"

From this incident, we learn that God led Norvel to speak in a language which was unknown to him but known to the woman in the audience. What he said brought this great comfort and consolation to her that her dying daughter was healed by God.

We see that whenever God leads and anoints a person to speak in tongues in a church set-up, it has to be interpreted. Gifts of speaking in tongues and interpretation of that tongue flow together.

## **II. The Gift of the Interpretation of Tongues**

The gift of the interpretation of tongues is the supernatural expounding or explanation of the message given in tongues. The interpretation is given by the Holy Spirit. The main purpose of this gift is to make the gift of tongues intelligible to the hearers so that the church may know what has been said and can be edified.

Interpretation is not a literal, word-for-word translation and does not only bring out the meaning but the underlying ideas and explanations. The interpretation for the tongues is given by the Holy Spirit either to the person who God prompted to speak in tongues or to someone else in the audience like in the example we just heard.

There are many reasons why God included tongues as one of the nine gifts of the Spirit. We will look at some benefits of speaking in tongues.

## **III. The Gift of Prophecy**

Prophecy is a supernatural gift of God which is a direct message from God to a particular person or group of people. The message strengthens, encourages, and comforts the body of Christ as Paul states in 1 Corinthians 14:3, "But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort."

Strengthening or edifies means to build up. As Paul states in 1 Corinthians 14:4, 'He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.'

The word translated 'encourage' is a Greek word meaning 'a calling nearer to God.' The dictionary says 'encourage' is to give courage, to inspire with hope or to give boldness.

The word translated 'comfort' is a Greek word meaning speaking closely to anyone and denotes consolation.'

How do we hear or receive what God is speaking to us?



When we are born again, our human spirit receives the life and nature of God. The Holy Spirit comes and dwells in our spirits—this is where He communicates to our spirit. It is quite clear from Scripture that the spirit has senses, similar to the five physical senses (feel, see, hear, taste and smell) of the human body.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul says to one is given the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge, to another faith, to another ... and so on. Based on this verse, people say that a believer can manifest just one gift, is this true?**

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**1 Corinthians 12:11, says “All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one just as he determines.” How do we understand this verse in the light of the above answer?**

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**1 Corinthians 13:9 says, “For we know in part and we prophesy in part.” What does this mean?**

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**1 Corinthians 14:5 says, "He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified." So does it mean prophesy is a better gift than tongues?**

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**Paul says in Romans 8:26: "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."**

**Watch this video and answer the questions below.**

**Video Presentation**

**Video:** The Holy Spirit helps us to pray.

**Duration:** 3minutes and 40seconds

**How does the Holy Spirit help us pray?**

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**Discuss on the lines of what was taught in the video, how the Spirit goes to work concerning a need when we pray in tongues.**

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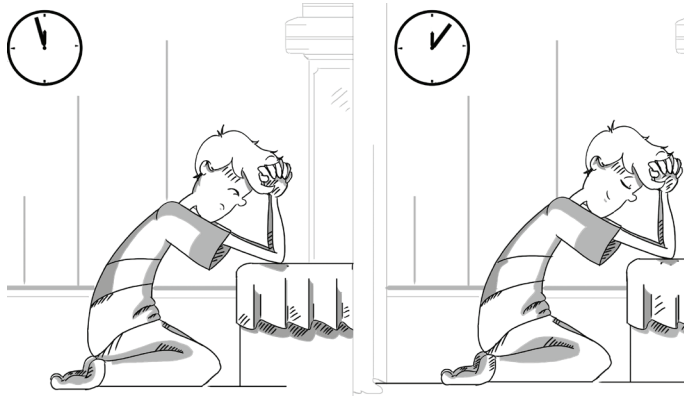


**APPLICATION**

Many Christians say that the gift of tongues is “gibberish,” or “of the Devil.” We know this is not the truth. Often believers who have been filled with the Spirit and spoken in tongues doubt their experience because they seem to repeat again and again certain sentences or phrases in their unknown tongue. We should realise that even when we speak in English we do not use any extensive vocabulary when we are praising the Lord. We just say, “Praise the Lord,” “Hallelujah” etc. The Holy Spirit may inspire us to speak only a few words, the words may be repetitive but these words can reach the very highest levels of praise and express the otherwise indescribable longings of our soul and our unspeakable feelings of love for God. It gives us the ability to pray on a new level, for it is God praying through us to perform things more abundantly than we can ask or think.

Don’t be discouraged to continue speaking in tongues thinking that your utterances are few and repetitive. Also since your mind does not understand what you are saying, let it not stop you from praying in tongues. Continue speaking in tongues every day because this gift is given to build faith, love and edify your soul, bless and transform your character and life, just as Paul said the person who speaks in tongues “edifies himself.” Diligently using the gift of tongues will transform your character and bless your whole personality.

To be prophetic is to simply hear what God is saying and then say or do what God has told you. The release of the prophetic does not always have



to be for “ministry use” only. The prophetic can be released in and through you to solve a problem at school or home, to inspire a creative idea for your project work

or when you are using your talent, to provide direction to someone facing a problem and so on. If we desire for and learn to express the prophetic in everyday life, I am sure God will be glorified so much more through all of our lives.

If you speak in tongues, make a commitment to God today that you will speak in tongues everyday. Also make a commitment on how many minutes you will pray in tongues each day. If you consistently pray in tongues every day, you will notice after a few days you would have prayed for 30 mins or an hour without even realising the time. Also desire the gifts of speaking in different kind of tongues and the interpretation of tongues.

**Write down the obstacles that stop you or will stop you from spending time praying in tongues.**

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Ask the Holy Spirit to help you overcome these hindrances so you can pray in tongues.

**If you don't speak in tongues, begin praying each day this week to be baptised in the Spirit. Write down things which you think are a hindrance for you to be baptised with the Spirit:**

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## The Communication Gifts of the Spirit

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you overcome these hindrances or speak to your Children's Church teacher.

**FOLLOW UP**

(To be filled up before the next class.)

**My experience of operating in the communication gifts this week:**

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**TAKE HOME ACTIVITY**

**GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT - COMMUNICATION**

There is a hidden message. You will solve the puzzle when you find all the words, the hidden message will be revealed.

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# THE HOLY SPIRIT

## *The Power Gifts of the Spirit*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn the three power gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Children will learn how these three gifts operate through believers.
- To encourage children to value, share and receive the gift of faith, healing and working of miracles.



### MEMORY VERSE

**Ephesians 3:20:** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us ...



### TEACHING CONTENT

In the last two lessons we learnt about the gifts of Revelation and Communication. In this lesson we'll study the gifts of power. The gifts which spring from God's omnipotent love.

## I. Gift of Faith

Gift of faith is different from the general faith that each person has. The gift of faith is a gift of the Spirit to the believers, in order that we:

- Will receive miracles which are far beyond the capacity of ordinary faith.
- Raise the dead
- Cast out evil spirits—we cannot deal with the devil in our own strength. God has given us His Word, His Power, His authority and the spiritual weapons necessary to defeat the power of satan, and one of these spiritual weapons is the gift of faith.
- Lay hands on people for them to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Pronounce blessings, which can miraculously and permanently change the entire course of one's life.

When the gift of faith operates in us, it allows us to possess a portion of the same miracle faith that Jesus has. It removes any feeling of doubt and unbelief. This gift empowers us to believe the impossible and do the impossible without any strain.

### **An illustration of the operations of the gift of faith by Steven Brooks:**

Once when I was driving, I was overcome with the most intense hunger for food. I found a hamburger restaurant and got the food I wanted. I sat in my car, said a quick prayer and held the burger up to my mouth to eat. At that very moment my intense hunger in me vanished. I thought what I would do with all the food I bought. I looked up and saw something I had not noticed before, two women and two men in their early twenties standing outside the double glass doors of the restaurant. At that moment, the Holy Spirit came upon me with super faith.

All four of them were heavily tattooed with gang symbols, wore headbands and appeared agitated and aggressive. Two stood at each side of the door with their back and one foot against the wall just waiting for a fight. One of the guys was particularly large and wore a tank top that revealed huge bulging muscles.

I then understood why the restaurant was empty. Anybody driving into the parking lot would see this group of troublemakers blocking the way in and would just turn around and go somewhere else to eat.



With super faith surging through my spirit, I grabbed my burger and walked right up to the big-muscle guy and stood just as he did. I took a bite of my burger and smiled at them as they glared at me with detestable looks. Then the big guy turned and reached his big hands toward my neck to strangle me. Steve could see the devil in his eyes.

With tremendous authority, I shouted “In the name of Jesus!” When I did, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon all four of them. Their legs buckled and they appeared to become like wax. Their facial expression turned from intimidation and hate to instantly that of being terrified. They were bent over forward by an unseen force and were shaking before me.

The word of the Lord roared through me like that of a lion. With power I said, “Who do you four think you are to stand before the door and intimidate and bully the customers of this restaurant? Have you no concern for the owner of this business who suffers financial loss at the hands of your foolishness? The Lord Jesus calls upon each of you to now repent from your wicked ways, turn from your sins and come back to Him!”

When I said that, the four of them began weeping and sobbing. I instructed them to follow me to an area of the parking lot that was quiet. They were still weeping uncontrollably and could barely stand up. Now that the Lord had broken through them, the Holy Spirit had me shift from a mode of divine power to that of soft and gentle compassion. I shared with them their need to make their hearts right with God.

One of the young woman said with a trembling voice, “My daddy is a Pentecostal pastor. I have so dishonored God and my parents, God, please forgive me.” One of the men then confessed crying tears of grief, “My father also is a pastor of a Pentecostal church. God, please forgive me for having forsaken You.” By the



Lord's grace I was able to restore two of them back to the Lord and lead the other two into salvation in Christ! After praying over them, they no longer shed tears of sorrow. Now tears of thanksgiving for God's love and forgiveness ran down their cheeks."

This miracle and restoration would not have taken place if Steven Brooks sat in his car and did nothing out of the fear of the gang. However, with the gift of faith operating in him, he confronted the four gang members without a trace of fear in him. The gift of faith is a supernatural gift. When it operates in a believer's life, all trace of fear and doubt is removed and he/she becomes bold as a lion to accomplish Lord's will.

## **II. Working of Miracles**

There are many miracles that God has done and will continue to do in our lives. For example, the spiritual birth of a "born-again experience" is a miracle. There have also been times when God has answered our prayers with miracles. However, none of these are the manifestation of the working of miracles. The "working of miracles" mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12 specifically refers to a divine intervention in the ordinary course of nature. E.g.: Dividing of the Red Sea; Jesus feeding the 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes, etc. The example of Peter healing the crippled beggar which I just narrated to you is an example of working of miracles.

### **An incident narrated by Dr. DGS Dhinakaran which illustrates the operation of the gift of working of miracles:**

"When he had gone to a particular city to preach the Gospel, the Mayor of the city who was not a Christian arranged a public reception, for him and his team members. When Dr. Dhinakaran was chatting with the Mayor he shared that he had just returned after visiting the outskirts of the city and he saw drought everywhere. He requested Dr. Dhinakaran to pray for rain

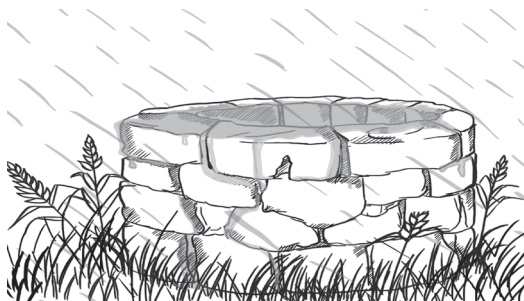
Dr. Dhinakaran went to his room and with great concern prayed for rain. He received a word of wisdom and a word of knowledge from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit revealed to him, that he should command and receive.

In the evening meeting that day in the presence of the Mayor and other dignitaries, Dr. Dhinakaran asked the whole audience to stand up and said, "Now we are going

to pray for rain; God will definitely listen to our prayer made in one voice and with one accord." He prayed just as Jesus had told him. That was all! It began to drizzle!

He continued to pray, saying, "Lord, not now, but let it pour down after the end of this evening meeting." The drizzle ceased; all were amazed! It was a great surprise to the Mayor and the other dignitaries. The whole night, after the meeting there was a heavy downpour of rain, which continued the next day too, so much so that they could not conduct the meeting that day.

The next day when the Mayor gave a grand feast to Dr. Dinakaran and his team, he said, 'I went round the outskirts of the city once again. What a change! All wells, pools and ponds are full; the cattle are leaping for joy.



But the greatest wonder is that there was not a single drop of rain beyond the borders of my city. Truly God has answered your prayer!' He witnessed this with all but didn't stop there. He encouraged people of his religion especially women, to attend the meetings; and from the next day, there was a huge crowd. People of all religions came there with great eagerness to feel the presence of the Lord Jesus. His name was glorified."

In this incident we see God working a miracle.

### III. Gifts of Healings

The "gift of healings" is specifically given to a few individuals whom the Holy Spirit chooses. Gifts of healings is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:9), and it occurs first, when the person with the particular gift receives a word of wisdom or knowledge to know what the situation is and what to do about it. Second, he needs a manifestation of faith to bring to pass the healing. Third, he must represent Christ on earth and, via the power of God, bring the healing to pass as God supplies the energy for it.

It is important that we see the difference between praying for someone and commanding a healing by revelation. Prayer is very important, and many verses tell us to pray. However, when it comes to helping God’s people by manifesting the gifts of healings, it is vital to understand that it does not mean praying for someone to be healed. Notice how Jesus healed a man with leprosy who came and knelt before Him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.’ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ He said. ‘Be clean!’ Immediately he was cured of his leprosy” (Matthew 8:2, 3).

Jesus did not pray to God to heal the leper. He knew it was God’s will and He knew He had the power of God and used it.

**Example from the Early Church which illustrates the operation of the gifts of healings:**

When Peter healed the beggar who was crippled from birth, he received revelation that the man had faith to be healed, he said, “... what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk” (Acts 3:6). Peter knew he had power, and he freely gave it, just as he had seen Jesus do on so many occasions.

Notice that Peter did not pray. Once he knew the will of God by revelation, he commanded the healing. He did the same thing to Tabitha, who had died. He prayed for guidance, then turned to the dead body and commanded, “Tabitha, get up” and she got up. (Acts 9:40).



**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:31, 14:1, 38 encourages us several times to “earnestly desire” the gifts. What does it mean?**

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**People get all religious and supposedly super spiritual and teach that we must seek the Giver not the gifts, and we must not be so zealous about spiritual gifts.**

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**After Paul listed the nine gifts of the Spirit he said, "... But eagerly desire the greater gifts." So which do you think are the greater or best gifts?**

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**Why don't we have more manifestations of spiritual gifts in the Church today?**

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**Do the gifts of the Spirit operate together or separately?**

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**How does the word of Knowledge come when God wants us to heal someone?**

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**APPLICATION**

Miracles are the normal work of God. God has always manifested Himself in signs, wonders and miracles when His people have followed Him with all their hearts. Jesus' ministry was a continuous manifestation of signs, wonders and miracles. God earnestly desires to manifest the spiritual gifts that produce these signs, wonders and miracles, in His Church today. God loves to do "wonderful works," "mighty works," and "miracles." By manifesting His glory and presence, through signs, wonders and miracles, God intends that people think of spiritual things. He does not intend for people to just be left in amazement and wonder. These wonders and miracles which Jesus did and which are recorded for us in Scripture were a sign pointing the way to God, or to God's way. They are directing the one seeing to Christ and His Father.

God desires and is willing to give you this gift but only when you desire to manifest them. When these gifts operate in your life, you manifest His presence, the power of God and confirm the good news of salvation in Christ. How blessed we are that we can! "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20).

Maybe you have been waiting for God to do something in your life or in the lives of those around you. Maybe you have been saying, "I know God is able to change this situation, help me in my studies etc. I wonder why He does not do it." If so, let us read that last phrase again. It says He is able to do above what we can ask or think according to the power that works in us!

I encourage you today to start building your faith in that power. Look at yourself in the mirror and say, "The Spirit of God is living in me today and I expect Him to do wise, wonderful, amazing and miraculous things through me!" Instead of thinking on your problems and what you do not have and what you cannot achieve, believe in the power and sufficiency of the Greater One who lives and walks within you, every moment of every day.

When you begin to realize what a dynamite team you two really are, you will blast off into ... exceedingly above all that you can ask or think ... and the devil will never be able to catch or stop you.



**FOLLOW UP**

**My experience of operating in the power gifts this week:**

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## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Can you find your way to growing in the gifts of the Spirit?

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