



Life of Christ

Who is the Holy Spirit John 13 and 16

Younger Verse

I am with you always. Matthew 28:19-20

Older Verse

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Lesson Goals

Tell who the Holy Spirit is
Explain why the Holy Spirit is important to us

Welcome Time

Have you ever felt guilty when you did something wrong? Or you were about to do something wrong and something inside you said "No?" Today we are going to talk a little about this.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

We have shared what the Bible says about God and Jesus. This week, we are going to talk about the third person, the Holy Spirit.

Jesus mentioned the Holy Spirit in the Bible and tells us about who He is and what He does for us.

At the last supper before Jesus died and came back to life, Jesus talked to His friends about many things. He even took time to wash their dirty feet. He wanted them to see His example and be willing to help others in the same way.

Jesus told His friends that He would be leaving soon. Jesus shared that the Holy Spirit would come after He left. Jesus called the Holy Spirit the "Comforter." Then, He told His friends about the things that the Holy Spirit would do.

First, the Holy Spirit helps people see that they have done wrong and points them to God. He helps us see that believing in Jesus is the only way to Heaven.

Secondly, the Holy Spirit helps us do right. He is like our conscience who helps us know when we are doing right or wrong. Now, this does not mean that if you don't feel "guilty" about something that it's not wrong. The Holy Spirit may be trying to nudge, you but you may not be listening.

Third, the Holy Spirit helps us understand the Bible. When we read the Bible, He can help us learn about it and apply it to what is happening in our lives.

Also, the Holy Spirit prays for us. The Bible says that He prays to God when we sometimes don't know how or what to pray. He is called our Counselor and can help us when we are in need. He comforts us when we go through tough times.

The Holy Spirit also helps us know special gifts or abilities that God has given us. We all know someone who is good at drawing, gymnastics or singing. The gifts God

gives us are different. Everyone who is a Christian has a special gift. The Holy Spirit can help us find out what our gift is and use it to help others. Some of the gifts God gives are: teaching, helping, showing mercy and kindness to others, encouraging others, leading, and knowing wrong and right. One thing to remember: we should never want a gift that others have; we should be glad with the gift God has given us and use it to help others.

The Holy Spirit is not someone that we can see or touch. However, His presence is very real. It's kind of like the wind. We can't see it, but we can see the effects of it. Another symbol is oxygen. We breathe in oxygen but we cannot see it. Oxygen is in fire and water. Without oxygen, we couldn't have either. (There will be an object lesson in the back of the lesson to help the kids relate.)

The Holy Spirit also helps us live out the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. He will help us have these qualities in our lives.

We have spent time over the last few weeks talking about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. They are 3 different people but also one. It is sometimes hard to understand this fact. There are several pictures to help us see how this can be. An egg has a white part, yellow part and shell. It is one thing but also 3 different things. A person can be a son, brother, and friend. Water can be in the form of steam, water or ice.

The Holy Spirit is important to us if we believe in Jesus. In fact, He helps us see that we need God and we can't get to Heaven on our own. The only way to Heaven is by believing that Jesus took our place and paid our punishment for the wrong things we have done. Then, we must tell God we are sorry for all the wrongs we have done and ask Jesus to come into our life. He comes in and makes us like a new person. He changes our attitudes and helps us be like Jesus.

If you want to ask Jesus to come into your life, talk to us about how He can change your life.

Learning Activities

Try the object lesson to help the kids understand the lesson.

Memory Verse Activities

There is a "cool" song to help the kids learn the verse. Ask about it. Talk about what it means to be a "disciple."

Prayer Time

Pray that we will follow God and do what He says this week.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Clean up and share snacks together.

Planning for January 27th
Who can become a Christian?
The Pharisee and the Tax collector
Luke 18:9-14

Preschool Lesson
For
Who is the Holy Spirit?

Jesus told His friends that when He went up to Heaven, God would send another person to help them. This person is the Holy Spirit. He helps us when we are sad and helps us remember to do right. He also prays for us and helps us learn more about God.

Do you know what? We cannot see the Holy Spirit! He is with us but we can't see Him.

It is like the wind. We cannot see the wind, but we know it is there. (Ask the kids to make a wind sound).

We can't see the Holy Spirit, but He helps and wants us to do our best for God. He helps us have love and joy for others. He helps us be kind and gentle to others too.

Let's thank God that He loves us so much that He sent us the Holy Spirit to help us and care for us.

Hands-On Activities For Who is Holy Spirit?

To illustrate the Holy Spirit in our lives, bring a candle, match and clear glass. Light the candle, then put the glass over it. Slowly the flame will burn out because there is no oxygen. Explain that although we cannot see oxygen, it is there and is need to produce the fire. In the same way, we cannot see the Holy Spirit but He is real and helps us “shine our lights.”

Bring objects for the lesson: water, egg, or apple. Try to think of others like a triangle or a 3 legged stool.

Make a wind sock to remind the kids of how the Holy Spirit moves but is unseen.

For older kids, look at some of the Spiritual gifts in the Bible (1 Cor. 12:8-11) and help the kids learn more about which ones they may have (remember, they must be a Christians first).