



Year 1—Quarter 3: God the Holy Spirit

Jesus Introduces the Holy Spirit

Bible Passages: John 14:15-18; 15:26, 27: 16: 7-15

If your best friend told you they were moving away, how would that make you feel? (Let kids answer)

The bad news was: Jesus knew His close friends, the disciples, would be sad that He had to leave them and go back to Heaven. The good news was: He promised them that He would send the Holy Spirit to be with them forever. The Holy Spirit would help and comfort them.

So, even though Jesus had to leave them physically, the Holy Spirit would always be there to help

them and remind them of what Jesus taught.

Imagine you have a friend who is like a superhero. This friend is the Holy Spirit. Sometimes, when the Holy Spirit is with you, you might feel really warm and happy inside, or you might get goosebumps because you're so excited. It's like having a superpower that makes you feel brave when you're scared, believe in yourself when you're in doubt, and be kind when you're really mad.

Important Point to Remember:

The Holy Spirit is God and He is a Helper and a Friend Who stays with us.

Power Point

The Holy Spirit is a Helper and a Friend Who stays with us.

MEMORY VERSE:

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.” John 14:16

Object Lesson: The Wind

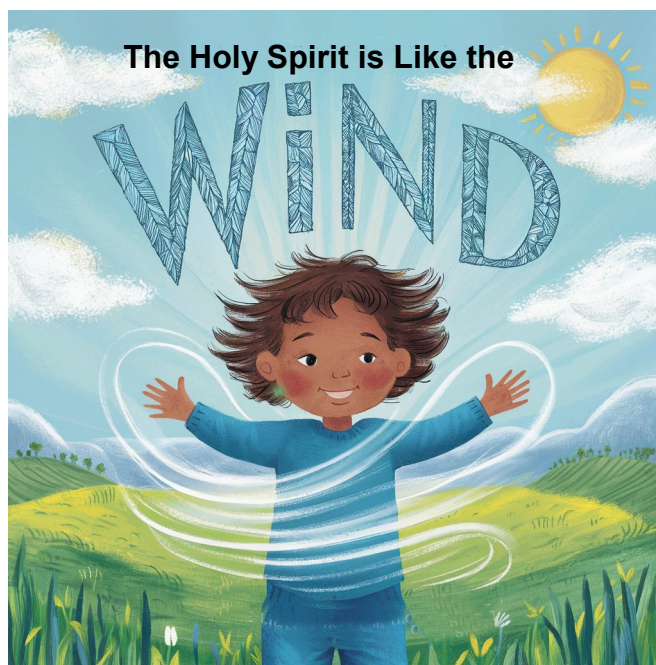
Nicodemus: In John chapter 3, Jesus had a conversation with Nicodemus, a Pharisee. He told him that the Holy Spirit is like the wind. Let's talk about some of the ways the Holy Spirit is like the wind:

We can't see the wind, but we can:

- See leaves swirling
- Feel water spraying
- Hear trees rustling

Similarly, we cannot see the Spirit, but we witness the effects of the Spirit's work:

- Reminding us of God's care
- Prompting us to show love
- Helping us in our time of need





Story: Rooster and a Wedding Ring

(Tommy's Journal Entry for June 6)

Mom was washing up dishes from breakfast this morning. My brother Aaron, my sister Amy and I were finishing our morning chores. Mom took off her wedding ring and sat it on the counter while she checked the garbage disposal. Just then she heard a loud scream from Amy coming from the chicken coop. Since one of Amy's morning chores is to feed the chickens and gather the eggs, Mom thought Amy was having trouble again with our mean rooster, Max.

So Mom quickly jerked off her apron and ran out the back door to rescue Amy. At the chicken coop she saw Max safely locked up in the adjoining chicken pen that we only use when we have baby chicks.

As she ran toward the chicken coop, Mom remembered when Amy learned to lock Max up before gathering the eggs. When she was five, Max flew up at little Amy, clawed at her arms and frightened her so much she broke down into tears.

That evening at family prayer time, Dad read the verse from 2 Timothy 1:7, "God didn't give us a cowardly spirit but a spirit of power, love, and good judgment."

The whole family prayed that the Holy Spirit would help Amy overcome her fear of Max. The next day I showed Amy how to throw a small amount of chicken feed into the adjoining chicken pen. When Max went in to eat the feed, I helped Amy reach through the fence and close the little gate to trap Max. "I used to be scared of him too." I admitted

"So, why did Amy scream?" Mom wondered. Then she saw why. There was Amy, egg on her shirt and hands trying to scoop broken eggs into her little basket. "Don't worry," Mom reassured her, "Accidents happen to all of us."

They both went back into the house to help Amy wash up and change her shirt. That's when Mom suddenly realized her wedding ring was missing.

Just when she was beginning to feel panic come into her heart, Mom stopped and asked Amy to pray with her that the Holy Spirit would help them find her ring.

Mom turned to Amy and said, "I am remembering that story Jesus told about the woman who lost a coin and then swept her whole house until she found it."

"Well, Mom, let's sweep the whole kitchen." Amy replied. They made a game of it as they swept every inch of the kitchen.

Suddenly, as Amy swept under the front of the refrigerator, out popped the wedding ring. They both danced around the kitchen for joy.

The ring got lost when Mom heard Amy scream. She jerked off her apron and threw it onto the counter. That knocked the ring off onto the floor where it rolled under the refrigerator.

At our family prayer time Mom and Amy told the story of the chickens and the wedding ring and how they prayed for the Holy Spirit to help them.

I had a prayer request for the family: I want to go to Middle School Camp in August and it costs two hundred ten dollars this year. Dad said, "Isn't Aaron also planning to go to Kid's Camp in July?" "Yes, we promised him he could go when he was in fourth grade," Mom replied. I was almost sorry I had brought up summer camp because Dad seemed worried.

Then Dad said he also had a prayer request, "Unusually heavy spring rain made snow in the foothills thaw too quickly and caused a small flood that washed out a bridge over the river near our place." He explained that now our family will have to drive more miles out-of-the-way for all our summer activities and shopping. He thinks that this will cost more for gasoline at a time when his work is slow. Dad led in prayer that the Holy Spirit will help our family and meet our needs. I liked his prayer, "Lord, you have taught us not to worry about anything, but instead to tell you about everything. We depend on You, Lord, and we have faith that You will meet all of our needs according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

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Rooster and a Wedding Ring

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Take-Home

Summary

Bible Passages:

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Main Point:

The Holy Spirit is God and He is a Helper and a Friend Who stays with us.

Discuss:

Q: What was the bad news?

A: Jesus knew His close friends, the disciples, would be sad that He had to leave them and go back to Heaven.

Q: What was the good news?

A: He promised them that He would send the Holy Spirit to be with them forever.

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Kids Lives:

- To help them connect with Jesus.
- To help them see the fruit of the Spirit through the hands, heart, and habits of Jesus.
- To help them change their own hands, hearts, and habits to be more like Christ.

Explore the Bible

Read the Bible passages listed under Summary. Have your kids find the names Jesus uses for the Holy Spirit. Then look for all the action words that tell what the Holy Spirit will do



Family Activity

Plan to do some fun activities with your family to explore the wonders of wind. Such as:

1. Build and fly a kite
2. Use straws to blow paint across paper.
3. Teach about cloud types and go spot clouds outside.
4. Wind dance to fun music
5. Design pinwheels (find patterns online)
6. Make windchimes from recycled items

Apply and Pray

Discuss: how it might look if your family let the Holy Spirit be your Helper and Friend. How would it change the way you treated one another? What other things might He want to change?

Pray: Thank the Holy Spirit for being your Helper and Friend. Ask Him to help your family to honor Him.