



## Year 1—Quarter 3: God the Holy Spirit

### The Church is Born

Jesus had told His disciples, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the Earth.” (Acts 1:8 NKJV)

We learned in last week’s lesson that after Jesus went back to heaven, His followers received the Holy Spirit. This gave them God’s special power that helped them tell others about Jesus.

They started in Jerusalem, where they lived, and then went to nearby places like Judea and Samaria. Eventually, they traveled to faraway lands, sharing the good news with people everywhere. It’s like when you throw a stone into a pond, and the ripples spread out. The message of Jesus spread like those ripples, reaching the ends of the Earth!

Someone who God used in a big way to make those ripples spread was the Apostle Paul. Before he met Jesus, Paul did not like Chris-

tians. In fact, he tried to stop them from talking about Jesus. Then something amazing happened. Jesus appeared to Paul, and his life changed. He became a follower of Jesus and he started telling everyone about Him.

Now here’s where the Holy Spirit comes in: The Holy Spirit gave Paul special powers, like courage and wisdom. Paul travelled to faraway lands, to share the good news about Jesus.

Because of the Holy Spirit’s power, Paul could speak boldly and fearlessly. He told people about Jesus in cities, towns, and even on ships during stormy seas! Everywhere he went, the message of Jesus spread like ripples in a pond.

So, in a nutshell: The Holy Spirit helped Paul change from a grumpy guy to a joyful messenger. Paul’s travels and teachings helped the church grow and spread the good news about Jesus to the ends of the Earth!

### Power Point

The Holy Spirit helps believers spread the Gospel to the ends of the Earth

### MEMORY VERSE

Acts 1:8, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the Earth.” NKJV

### GAME: TRUST MAZE

Set up chairs, tables and other items as obstacles in a maze pattern around the room. Blindfold a volunteer and have attempt the maze by listening to the voice of another person guiding him. Explain to the students that the Holy Spirit is a guide in our everyday lives. If we listen to what the Spirit tries to tell us, through God’s word we are less likely to stumble over life’s obstacles.



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### **Story: The Dangers of Apples and Barn Roofs**

#### **(Tommy's Journal Entry for July 15)**

**Object:** Have a Red Apple to hold up.

When I started this day I prayed that God would guide my steps by His Holy Spirit. Boy, did He ever answer my prayers and help me to be in just the right place at the right time! Something told me to go out to the barn and I prayed and asked the Lord if it was Him telling me to go. I felt His voice saying, "Yes, go now!"

God knew that my sister, Amy, had seen the apples on the tree next to our barn while she was riding her horse. The apples were getting red and



ripe. She rode right up next to the tree to get one to feed Sundance, but they were just out-of-reach. Then she told Sundance to stand still and she stood up on the saddle.

Well, she got one apple and fed it to Sundance, but then, for some reason, she decided to try for another. This time she climbed first up onto the saddle and then stepped off onto the low roof of a shed attached to the barn. That roof has wooden shingles and so she didn't slip. However, when she walked on over onto the main barn roof to try to reach a nice big red apple, her feet slipped on the

metal roofing and she fell and slid down to the rain gutter.

When I got there, Amy's little toes were in the rain gutter and that was all that was keeping her from plunging to the ground. She was screaming for help and crying. Quickly I got the ladder that hangs on the side of the barn and leaned it against the rain gutter right next to where Amy was barely hanging on. I climbed up and helped her onto the ladder with me and got her down safely.

At our family prayer time tonight our family had a lot to be thankful for. Besides Amy's barn rescue, Aaron got home from Kid's Camp and he had some great news. God answered his prayers (and mine). He was baptized in the Holy Spirit and received his prayer language the very first chapel service at camp. I don't think I have ever seen him so happy.

Dad was also very happy tonight. While he was fixing the diesel engine for the bridge repair crew, they found out that he also did welding and so they asked him to weld some of the supports for the new bridge. Now he has plenty of work for the rest of the summer.

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# Take-Home

## Summary

### Bible Passage:

Acts 1:8

### Main Point:

The Holy Spirit helps believers spread the Gospel to the ends of the Earth.

### Discuss:

Q: Name the three Persons of the Godhead.

A: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Q: Does any Bible verse mention all three Persons of the Godhead?

A: Yes, Matthew 28:19 says, "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

### 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 story of Paul's conversion in **Acts 9:1-19**.

**Say:** The same Jesus who rose from the dead and transformed Paul wants to work in your life too. What could Jesus do through you if you surrendered as Paul did and give Him complete control of your life? (Let your kids answer)

## Family Activity

Play a game of **fact or fiction** with your family:

1. Saul was traveling to Damascus to visit his sick grandmother. (*Fiction, he was traveling to Damascus to imprison believers.*)
2. Saul saw a light brighter than the sun and heard a voice speaking in the Greek language. (*Fiction, he heard the voice in Aramaic.*)
3. Jesus asked Saul why he was persecuting Him? (*Fact*)
4. Saul was blind for three days. (*Fact*)
5. God told Timothy to go to Damascus and restore Saul's sight. (*Fiction, Ananias*)
6. Ananias was obedient and went to Saul and his sight was restored. (*Fact*)
7. Saul preached the Good News boldly and everyone loved him. (*Fiction, some wanted to kill him*)
8. God only has work for some followers to do. (*Fiction, Believers are His workmanship created for good works.*)

## Apply and Pray

Offer thanks for Jesus, and ask for joy in sharing the Gospel news with everyone: (Have kids repeat each line, if desired)

Dear God,  
Thank you for your Word the Bible  
Thank you for your church!  
I'm glad I am part of your family  
Help me to share your love  
And tell others about Jesus  
I love you, God! Thanks for loving me  
In Jesus' name, amen