

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **March 21, 2021** Family Theme | **The Holy Spirit Is Our Helper** Study Text | **John 14:15-27; 15:26-27**

Objective: Help your children understand that the Holy Spirit lives in us and that He will help us live for Christ. We follow His direction and depend on His power.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set just before Jesus was arrested and crucified when He promised to send the Holy Spirit to help us. The Holy Spirit was active all through the Old Testament, empowering God's servants and inspiring the prophets. After Christ ascended back to Heaven He sent the Holy Spirit to live in those who trust Him and to help them.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer each day this week and work with family members to do so as well. **What is the role of the Holy Spirit? Answer:** The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin and convinces them of the truth of Jesus (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit regenerates those who trust Christ (John 3:5-6). When a person becomes a Christian, the Holy Spirit begins to live in him and help him become holy (Romans 8:9). He intercedes for us (Romans 8:26).

Read the Word: John 14:15-27; 15:26-27

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. Encourage them to learn how to recognize His prompting and depend on His power and help.



Key Truth: The Holy Spirit Lives in Us and Helps Us (John 14:15-27)

As Jesus prepared to face His arrest and crucifixion, He gave final instructions and teaching to His disciples. He understood the coming events would devastate them and sought to prepare them for what lay ahead. He would no longer be with them, but they would have a special source of help and strength who would always be with them. That helper was the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth. Jesus would send the Holy Spirit to be with his followers so they would not be alone in the struggles ahead. God is able to live in us because He is a personal, spiritual being. His Spirit indwells us. The Spirit would counter Satan's accusations and attempts to demoralize them. He would encourage them with truth. He would guide them, teach them, empower them, and remind them of what Jesus had said.



Key Truth: The Holy Spirit Points People to Jesus (John 15:26-27)

The Holy Spirit does not draw attention to Himself. His ministry is to focus our attention on Jesus. His work is to lead us into truth, specifically the truth about who Jesus is, what He did, and what it means in real life today. In the early church, the Holy Spirit worked various signs and wonders among believers, but this too was for the purpose of bearing witness to Jesus and the truth about Him. Indeed, if the Holy Spirit is at work in us, we will testify of Jesus. Our testimony includes the truth of what Jesus has done for us, and what He promises to do for others who will trust and follow Him. We too must testify, not as a duty or obligation, but rather because of what the Spirit works in us. When we have done our best with His help, it is then up to the Holy Spirit to convict and convince people of the truth we have shared.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Why was it better for Jesus to go back to the Father and send us the Holy Spirit?
- How does the Holy Spirit bring comfort to believers?
- How does the Holy Spirit teach believers today?
- What must we do in order for the Holy Spirit to be able to bring God's Word to our minds when we need it?
- What is the Holy Spirit's role in sharing Christ with others?
- What Scripture passage could you study and memorize this week so the Holy Spirit can bring it back to your mind when you need it?
- **For Elementary:** What three persons does God exist as?
- **For Elementary:** What five things did you learn the Holy Spirit does for us?

Everyday Extras

Collect items around the house that bring comfort: a favorite blanket, a stuffed animal, a heating pad, an ice pack, a night light, a picture of Mom, etc. See if your family can guess what these items have in common. Remind them that Someone else is always willing to bring comfort to them too. Even though we cannot see the Holy Spirit, we know one of His important jobs is to comfort us. When we feel afraid or inadequate for our responsibilities, He will be our Comforter!

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned the Bible teaches us to build others up. When we help someone feel good about himself or herself, we are being helpful. **The Bible Teaches Me to Be Helpful** by using my words and actions to care for others.