



THE
**HOLY
SPIRIT**
AND ME

4-WEEK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CURRICULUM



THE **SUNDAY SCHOOL** STORE



**Jesus loves me
and gives the
Holy Spirit to
help me.**



And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5 NIV



**And hope maketh not
ashamed; because the
love of God is shed
abroad in our hearts by
the Holy Ghost which is
given unto us.**

Romans 5:5 KJV



And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5 ESV



“The Holy Spirit and Me” is all about the third Person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit can be difficult to understand, but He provides the spiritual power available to all believers. Jesus frequently taught the importance of knowing God through the presence of the Holy Spirit. This 4-week curriculum series will help elementary-aged children understand and experience the Holy Spirit daily.

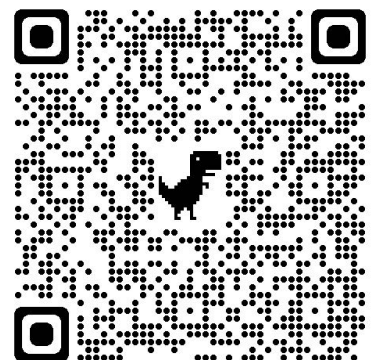
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Memory Verse: Romans 5:5

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Lesson 1: The Holy Spirit's Presence is a Gift. Luke 11:11-13

Summary: The Holy Spirit can be difficult for us to understand, but He provides the spiritual power available to all believers.

Jesus described the Holy Spirit to His followers: He said that the Holy Spirit's presence is a gift. Then, through Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, He made this gift available to everyone who has faith in Him, and when we do, the Holy Spirit then lives in us!

Gospel Connection: The Holy Spirit's presence is a gift we receive when we follow Jesus. Kids can recognize the Holy Spirit's presence in their lives and appreciate how Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection make this gift possible.

Big Idea: Because Jesus loves me, He sends the Holy Spirit to help me.

Memory Verse: Romans 5:5 **Additional Passages and Stories:** Joel 2:28-29; John 2:38-39; 6:37-39; 16:7; Acts 2:16-18; Romans 5:5; Ephesians 1:13-14

Memory Verse Activity:

Hand Motions

Suggested time: 5–10 minutes

Supplies: None

Instructions:

- Utilize hand motions to help the kids learn the memory verse. Consider adapting sign language, or use the suggested movements provided as they correspond to your preferred translation:

Hope (*take hands to heart and then push out from the body*)

Does not (*put up pointer finger and then move finger back and forth*)

Shame/Disappointment (*thumbs down, sad face*)

God (*point up toward the ceiling*)

Pour (*pretend to pour a pitcher*)

Love (*make a heart shape with your hands and hold it in front of your chest*)

Holy Spirit (*take hands down to sides, then sweep up and to your chest, mimicking how the Holy Spirit will come to live in us*)

Given (*place hands, palms up, before you, then shove forward as if presenting a gift*)

Us (*use both thumbs to point to self*)

- After teaching the hand motions to the kids, repeat the verse several times using the motions.

Lesson Illustration

Vacuum Packed?

Suggested time: 5–10 minutes

Supplies: large comforter or duvet; medium-sized box; sturdy plastic trash bag; vacuum cleaner with hose attachment

Instructions:

- Before the lesson, practice this demonstration. Make sure the comforter doesn't fit into the box, but that it can be vacuumed down small enough to fit well.
- During the lesson, display the large comforter or duvet and the medium-sized box.
- Select a volunteer and challenge him to fit the entire blanket into the box.
- When the blanket won't fit, reveal the plastic trash bag and vacuum with hose attachment.
- Help the kid stuff the blanket into the trash bag and use the vacuum hose to suck out the air. Then twist and tie off the end of the bag and place the entire thing into the box.

LEADER: At first, it didn't seem like there was any way that giant blanket would have fit into that box, but when we sucked out all the air, the comforter took up less space, and fit. In a way, that helps us think about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God. How can someone that big, wonderful, mighty, and perfect live inside us? I'll give you a clue, it doesn't actually have anything to do with shrinking or vacuuming.

Transition to **Large Group Teaching**.

Large Group Teaching:

Suggested Time: 15–20 minutes

LEADER: Today we are going to start learning more about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third Person in the Trinity. Who can name the other two People in the Trinity? [*Allow for responses.*] That's right! God the Father and Jesus the Son. That means that the Holy Spirit is fully God, yet distinct from God the Father and God the Son. Most people have a general understanding of who the Father and the Son are, and even their titles help us understand how they relate to one another.

The Holy Spirit isn't always easy to understand.

When Jesus was alive on earth, He talked a lot about the Holy Spirit. One of the ways He talked about the Holy Spirit to His followers was by describing His presence as a gift. Over and over, He told them that He would give and send them the Holy Spirit once He was gone.

Here is one of those examples:

READ: Luke 11:11-13

LEADER: In this passage, Jesus talked specifically about giving gifts. He used parents as an example and pointed out how they give food to their kids when they ask for it. When their kids ask for a fish, will the parents give their kids a snake instead? [*Allow for responses*] No!

Jesus told His followers that God the Father will not do that to His children, either. When His children ask Him for something they need, God will give it to them. But Jesus is not talking about giving them a new toy or pair of shoes. The gift they need is the presence of the Holy Spirit!

But why is that? Why is the Holy Spirit's presence such a good gift?

Listen to what the Bible tells us:

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READ: Romans 5:5

LEADER: The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with God's love! Being filled with God's love changes everything in our lives. We will talk more about the ways in which the Holy Spirit changes us over the next four weeks. But for now we will simply say that having the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives will transform us.

Jesus talked about that, too:

READ: John 6:37-39

LEADER: Jesus told His followers that if they are thirsty, they can come and drink from Him. If they do—if they have faith in Jesus and follow Him—then He will give them the presence of the Holy Spirit, which will cause their hearts to overflow with rivers of living water.

Now, remember: In the first part of Jesus' illustration, the people were thirsty. Yet, after drinking from Jesus, they would be transformed—no longer thirsty but now overflowing with living water for others, too. They could only do that because of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

That's because when we come to Christ, the Holy Spirit then will live *in* us!

READ: Ephesians 1:13-14

LEADER: Until Jesus returns, He gives us the Holy Spirit, who lives in us as a promise that Jesus *will* return. Even though Jesus has not returned yet, He has not left us alone. Because we have the Holy Spirit!

While the Holy Spirit was present throughout all of the Bible, we see that it was only after Jesus died, was resurrected, and ascended to heaven that the gift of the Holy Spirit was always available to all who had faith in Jesus.

Before then, the Bible says that the Holy Spirit would "come upon" a person—usually a judge, prophet, priest, or leader—and would give them extraordinary power,

wisdom, or insight to speak God's word or to help God's people. However, the Spirit did not stay with those people forever; He would stay for a while, then leave again.

That all changed after Jesus ascended..

READ: John 16:7; Joel 2:28-29

LEADER: We know that this "pouring out" happened at Pentecost after Jesus ascended. The Holy Spirit came on Jesus' disciples and filled them with power. In fact, He even gave them the ability to speak and understand one another, despite being from different countries and speaking different languages!

READ: Acts 2:16-18

LEADER: From that time forward, whoever has faith in Jesus will receive the Holy Spirit's presence as a gift; He lives inside all believers!

READ: Acts 2:38-39

LEADER: Take note: These verses do not say that we have to be perfect or that we have to do everything right to receive the Holy Spirit in our lives. Everyone who repents of sin and turns to Jesus will be saved, and being saved means you have the Holy Spirit in you!

It really *is* that simple. Like we talked about in the first verses that we read in this lesson, our God is a loving and generous Father who gives us good gifts. The Holy Spirit living with us is an amazing gift, because He helps us remember the truth of the Bible and obey God.

Small Group Discussion and Prayer:

Suggested time: 10–15 minutes

Discuss the following questions. Choose questions most appropriate for your group's age and attention level.

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What are some ways Jesus described the Holy Spirit?
- What happened when Jesus' disciples received the Holy Spirit?
- What does the Holy Spirit do?

Take some time to share prayer requests. Then lead the kids in prayer.

Dear God,
Thank you that you are a good Father
Who gives us good gifts.
Thank you that Jesus, His sacrifice and resurrection
Make it possible for us to receive
The presence of the Holy Spirit as one of those gifts.
Thank you that when we have faith in Jesus,
The Holy Spirit comes to live in us!
In Jesus' name, Amen!

Application Game

Find the Gifts

Suggested time: 10–15 minutes

Supplies: About a dozen small, wrapped gift boxes (or, alternatively, gift box-shapes made from cardboard, construction paper or wood)

Instructions:

- Before the lesson, hide the gifts around the room.
- Consider recruiting older kids to help hide the gifts for the younger kids.
- Challenge the kids to find all the gifts.
- Provide any necessary rules about where the gifts are hidden or where they should not go to look for the gifts. Remind the children how they should behave during the game.
- Consider telling the kids they are “cold” if they are not near a hidden gift or “hot” when they are getting close.
- Play as time allows.
- Consider filling one of the gift boxes with a snack for the kids to enjoy afterward.

LEADER: You all did a great job looking for and finding the gifts. This reminds us that Jesus described the presence of the Holy Spirit as a gift. But the incredible thing is that, unlike in this game where we had to search and look to try to find the gift; If we have faith in Jesus, then the Holy Spirit comes and lives in us! We never have to look for Him, because He is always with us.

Application Craft

Thank You Card

Suggested time: 10–15 minutes

Supplies: Construction paper; markers

Instructions:

- Instruct kids to fold their construction paper in half along the longer edge, also know as “hamburger style,” to create a card.
- Encourage kids to write a thank-you card to Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit to live in believers.
- On the front of the card, kids can draw a picture of Jesus presenting a gift or decorate the rest of the card as they wish.

LEADER: Whenever you get a gift, it is polite to send a thank you note to the person who gave the gift. Jesus told his followers that He had to die, rise from the grave, and go back to heaven so that the Holy Spirit would come. When we have faith in Jesus, He sends the Holy Spirit to live in each one of us. That’s a great reason to thank Jesus!

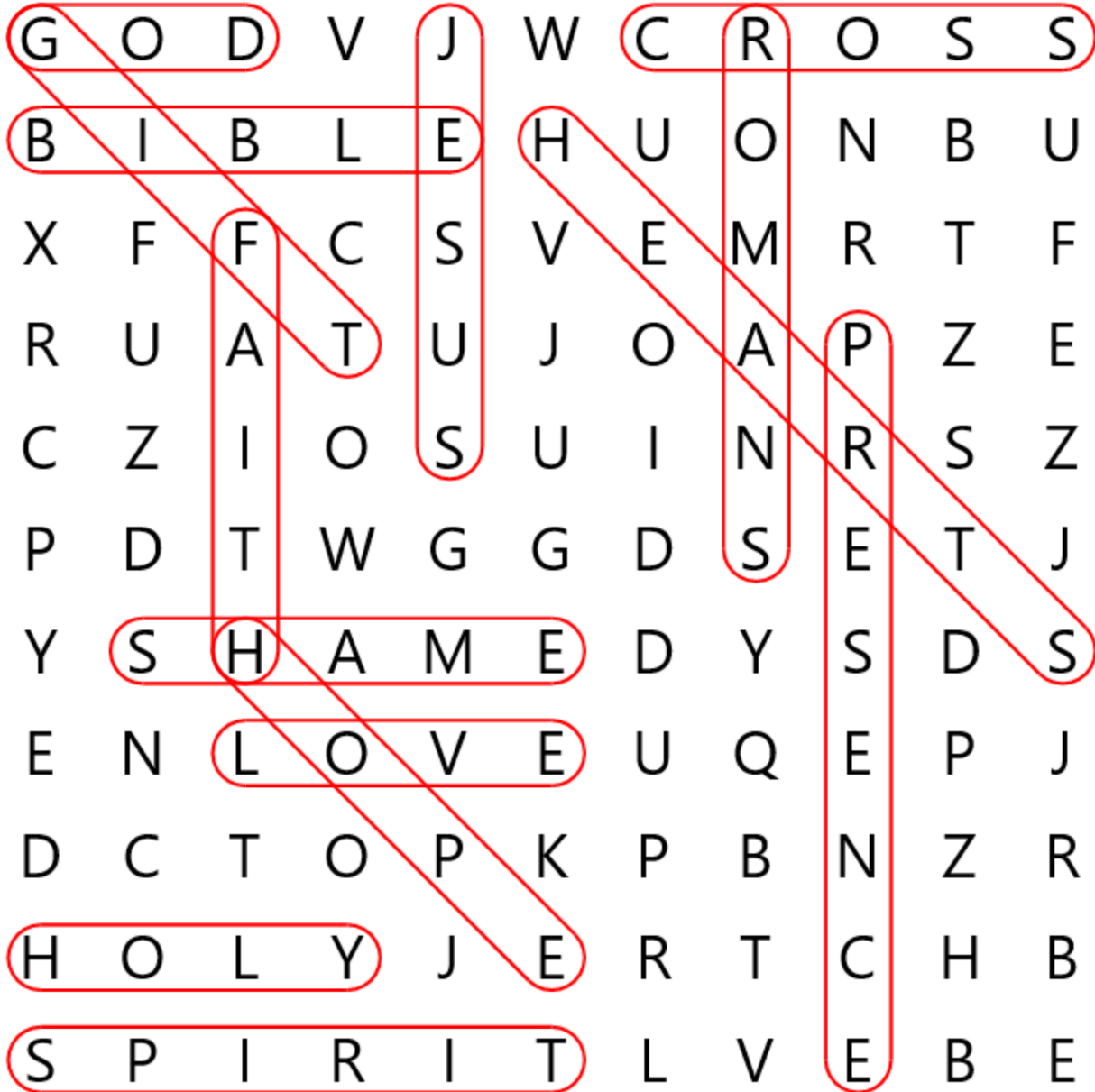
Bible Word Search

BIBLE - CROSS - FAITH - GIFT - GOD - HEARTS - HOLY

HOPE - JESUS - LOVE - PRESENCE - ROMANS - SHAME - SPIRIT

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Word Search Answers





The Holy Spirit and Me - Lesson 1: The Holy Spirit's Presence is a Gift. Luke 11:11-13

A Note for Parents

The Holy Spirit is often misunderstood by believers. He isn't just a force, or a power source; He is a person of the trinity, like the Father and the Son. Jesus frequently taught the importance of knowing God through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus described the Holy Spirit to His followers: He said that the Holy Spirit's presence is a gift. Through His death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus made the way for the Holy Spirit to live inside us. If we have faith, God the Holy Spirit lives in us!

As we go through these lessons, spend some time talking about each principle at home. Some possible suggestions for conversation or activity include:

- Why is the Holy Spirit's presence such a good gift?
- What is the Holy Spirit's presence a promise of?
- How was the Holy Spirit's presence different before Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection?
- Who can receive the Holy Spirit in their lives?
- Discuss with your child how having the Holy Spirit live in you has affected your own life and how He has been a "gift" to you.

Review and discuss the lessons with your children regularly. You might already have a dedicated prayer or Bible time in your home. If so, great! If not, let's start one. It doesn't have to be formal. You can speak about God's truth on the way to activities or around the dinner table. Remember that training a child is a constant task, but it is also the most significant and rewarding one we can undertake.