

WEEK 4: Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit lives inside Christ-followers.

HANGOUT

1. Provide enough balloons and permanent markers for everyone in your group. Be sure to check for any latex allergies before starting the activity! Encourage the kids to blow up their balloons. Help them as needed. When all the balloons are inflated, direct everyone to draw a face on their balloon. On the other side, ask them to write today's Big Idea: **The Holy Spirit lives inside Christ-followers**. Help with spelling as needed.
2. Let the kids know that today you'll be talking about how the Holy Spirit fills us up with Jesus!
3. Direct everyone to toss their balloons in the air, then have fun keeping them from touching the floor.

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

4. Ask: Who is the Holy Spirit?
5. Explain that the Holy Spirit is one of the three parts of God: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit.
6. Let everyone know that in today's Bible story, Jesus tells his followers about the Holy Spirit.
7. Look up and read aloud the story from John 14:15-27.
8. Discuss:
 - In verse 15, what does Jesus say we should do if we love him? (obey his commands)
 - Who asked the Father to give us the Holy Spirit? (Jesus)
 - According to verse 16, will the Holy Spirit ever leave us? (no)
 - Who will Jesus reveal (show) himself to? (each person who loves him)
 - In verse 26, what does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for us? (teach us and remind us of everything that Jesus said)
 - What amazing gift did Jesus leave us? (peace of mind and heart)
 - How would you describe the Holy Spirit to a friend?

HUDDLE

9. Before the kids arrive, write each of the following messages on a separate piece of paper: The Holy Spirit teaches me about Jesus; The Holy Spirit listens to me; The Holy Spirit cares about me; The Holy Spirit encourages me; The Holy Spirit helps me know when something is wrong; The Holy Spirit will never leave me; The Holy Spirit comforts me; The Holy Spirit inspires me to do good things; The Holy Spirit gives me advice. If there are more than nine kids in your group, write some of the messages twice.
10. Gather everyone to sit together in a circle. Give each person a message about the Holy Spirit. Some of them may get more than one message. Invite the kids to share their messages with the rest of the group. Help with reading as needed.
11. Pray and thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit and for each member of your group (by name if possible).

Letter Puzzle

Find the secret message! Colour all of the boxes that have a dot red. Colour all the other boxes blue.

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