

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

WHO IS THE HOLY GHOST? KIDS EDITION

INTRODUCTION:

- **God is the Creator** – He made the world and all that is in it.
- **Jesus, became as one of us**, He entered into His own world to become the Savior of the created creation. He died on the CROSS so that we could have a Savior.
- **The Holy Ghost, comes to live inside of us and He helps us to** do God's will and guides us daily in the ways of the Lord.

Scripture Focus

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John 16:13 Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, **he will guide you** into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and **he will shew you** things to come.

John 16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, **and shall shew it unto you.**

2 Corinthians 3:3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, **but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

John 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16:8 And when he is come, **he will reprove** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: . . .

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our **infirmities**:

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- **but the Spirit itself**
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SEGMENT 1: GOD SPEAKS TO ME

Estimated Time: 5 TO 10 minutes

JESUS WENT TO HEAVEN AND PROMISED TO SEND HIS HOLY SPIRIT

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Jesus says that there will be a time that He wants to tell us more things.
He says the way He will tell us is by a very Special Friend - The Holy Spirit.

One way this Special Friend does this is by God's very Own Special Pen.

A pen we cannot see.

A pen that writes on our Heart!

ILLUSTRATION: WRITE WITH YOUR FINGER (let them guess **I love you**)

(**I** – point at your eye – make **LOVE** HEART with hands – **YOU** point)

- **From Stone to Flesh:** When Moses was alive, God wrote on Hard Stone. The 10 Commandments was written on stone by the finger of God.
- Our Special Friend, The Holy Spirit writes on our heart . . . Wow

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SEGMENT 2: A KNOWER WHO KNOWS

Estimated Time: 5 to 10 minutes

Theme: "The Holy Ghost not only WRITES on our Heart – He SPEAKS to us as well."

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Object Lesson (The Helpful Light):

Bring a flashlight into a dark room or under a blanket fort. Let the kids try to find a hidden toy in the dark. It's hard! Then, turn the flashlight on.

Teaching Point: "When we don't know what to do, we feel like we are in the dark. The Holy Ghost is like this light. When you forget a Bible verse, or you don't know how to share, He turns the light on in your heart. He teaches you and helps you remember that Jesus loves you."

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- He will **tell us** when we are wrong
- He will **give us** Joy when we do the right things
- He will **help us** to love others
- He will **help us** to Praise Jesus
- He will **help us** remember God's Word

Class Discussion / Takeaway:

Remember He will teach you and He will help you to Remember things

HE WILL HELP YOU TO NOT BE AFRAID

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SEGMENT 3: THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS ME TO DO RIGHT

Estimated Time: 5 to 10 minutes

Theme: "The Holy Ghost convicts the world and establishes Christ's absolute standard."

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- of sin,
- and of righteousness,
- and of judgment:

The Meaning of 'Reprove' (Convict):

The word REPROVE is a BIG WORD –

It means He will talk to you when you do something that's wrong and even before you do something that's wrong.

Object Lesson (The Gentle Tug):

Have a child stand up and gently take their hand. Show the class that when they start to walk toward a "no-no" area (like a place where something is broken), you give a gentle tug to pull them back to safety.

Teaching Point: "When you feel that 'yucky' feeling in your tummy because you did something wrong, that is the Holy Ghost giving you a gentle tug. He isn't being mean! He is pulling you away from the 'yucky' stuff because He loves you and wants you to be close to Jesus. When you feel that tug, just say, 'Thank you, Holy Spirit, for helping me!'

BE THANKFUL BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT LOVES YOU AND WANTS TO HELP YOU CHANGE WHAT WAS BAD BACK INTO SOMETHING THAT IS GOOD

Class Discussion / Takeaway:

The Holy Spirit is wanting to help me . . .

Because God loves me

Segment 4: THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES ME STRONG

Suggested Time: 10–12 minutes

Theme Statement: When we do not know how or what to pray, the Holy Spirit steps in to pray through us and perfectly help us with God's will. He also changes weak children and makes them strong and bold witnesses for Christ.

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The Holy Spirit tells God what you are trying say and don't know how.

Reassure the class that even when they are too overwhelmed to find the words to pray, the Holy Ghost communicates their heart's cry directly to God.

FINALLY – HE GIVES US POWER TO DO WHAT WE CAN'T

Object Lesson (The Heavy Object):

Have a child try to carry a very heavy object. They will struggle. Then, have another child (or the teacher) come over and help them carry it. (Maybe a concrete block)

Teaching Point: "Sometimes, we have big feelings—maybe we are sad or scared—and we don't know the right words to say to God. Our prayers feel too heavy! But look, the Holy Spirit helps us carry that weight. He takes our heart's cry and tells God exactly what we need, even if we can't find the words. He makes us strong enough to stand for Jesus.

Closing Activity: "Inviting the Friend"

Have all the children bow their heads and close their eyes. Lead them in prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for your Holy Spirit. Thank you for being my Special Friend who lives inside me. Help me to listen to your tug on my heart, help me to remember your words, and help me to be brave and strong for Jesus. Amen."