

First Century Fellowship

Lesson: Holy Spirit – Part 1

Summarized Content:

- There is no trinity. Prove this by reading a variety of greetings in the New Testament. Explain that I John 5:15 was added by the Roman Catholic Church during one of the translations.
- Holy Spirit = God's power
- The Holy Spirit is given to us after baptism by the laying on of hands of a disciple, a true worshipper of God.
- This power is the same power that anointed Jesus to do good. (Rom. 8:9)
- The Holy Spirit is given only by God. We are not born with it and we can't earn it.
- God's spirit is in us only if we live in obedience to Him. (Matt. 28:18-20)
- God's spirit is like an engagement ring...with the promise of God to wed us at the wedding feast. We take Christ's name at baptism like in a marriage. (I John 2:25-29)

Scriptures:

- Matt. 28:18-20
- Mark 16:15-20
- Romans 8:9
- I John 2:25-29
- Ephesians 4:13
- Matthew 25:1-13 (Parable of the Ten Virgins)

Activities:

Exploring God's Word:

- Remind children of the sequence of listening to God, repenting and making a U-turn, getting baptized, and receiving God's Holy Spirit (His power) with the laying on of hands. Explain that you are going to explore the ways this power works in our lives. Use manipulatives to be sure they understand the order of these events.
- Read the scriptures above with the children. Ask them to listen for ways the Holy Spirit works in our lives.
- Use a small flashlight to show how it works (has power) once it has working batteries in it. So it is with the Holy Spirit in our lives. Play a Christian song on your cell phone and

explain that the Holy Spirit is a conductor between God & Jesus and us. God can get through to us through it just as a cell phone is used to bring the artists' songs to us.

- Watch a video of the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Explain that the oil is similar to the necessity of having God's power (the Holy Spirit) in you in order to be able to obey God.
- Give each child a piece of foam beads to shape and re-shape in their hands. Ask them to form the shape of a cube, a sphere, and an animal of their choice. Explain that the Holy Spirit (God's Power in us) helps to mold us more and more like God so that we can someday be transformed into a son of God!

Understanding God's Word (choose from the activities below):



God's Power Bolts: Have the children identify which items on the Functions of the Holy Spirit page were mentioned in the scriptures. Children should cut those out, glue them to the thunderbolts, and then cut out the thunderbolts. All thunderbolts should be glued to a piece of construction paper around the God's Power picture in the middle and colored. Review some of the misconceptions about the Holy Spirit from the Truth or Myth Statements list as they work. Encourage questions during this time. Wrap up the lesson with the idea that God gives us the Holy Spirit as a "life savor" to help us understand and do His work.



Growing with God Coloring Pages: Re-read Ephesians 4:13 and explain how God is growing us to be more like Him with the help of the Holy Spirit in us. Color pages describing how we grow in God.



Growing in God Plaque: Use wooden plaques, a wooden fence, and a wooden flower. Use Ephesians 4:13 on the plaque with the words: Growing in God through His Power! Decorate it with paint, glitter, pom-poms, and pipe cleaners.



Tangram Picture: Divide the class into pairs. Each child will be given the exact same tangrams but they will be sitting back to back with a small table in front of them. One child in each will start building a shape according to the directions and give their partner each direction as to WHAT shape they're using and what direction they're placing the shape. Their partner does not have the directions. After about 5 minutes, let the children see how their communication worked out. Then it will be the other partners turn to build a shape and to direct their team mate in how to build the shape. This will show the children that the Holy Spirit GUIDES us IF WE LISTEN!!



Power Art: Supply each child with paper and markers and any other supplies that could be used from this lesson today. Encourage children to draw a picture of the Holy Spirit's POWER from the activities from today's lesson and use items to tape or glue onto the picture art, such as a balloon, seeds, etc. Write words from today's BIBLE VERSE around the picture or items.



Truth or Myth SWAT: Use the Truth or Myth Statements to play Truth or Myth SWAT with the children. Hang the Truth and Myth Cards on the wall. Children should divide into two teams. The first person in each team races to answer the Truth or Myth statement and uses the fly swatter to swat the correct answer once the statement is read.