



Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 9: Holy Spirit

3rd Grade

Theme Verse

“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and bring it about that you walk in My statutes, and are careful and follow My ordinances” (Ezekiel 36:26–27).

Objective

The Holy Spirit urges people to receive God’s salvation.

Teach

Can you think of a time when you were in school or on a sports team, and while the teacher or coach was actively teaching, you began talking with your friend? You may have been talking about something the leader was saying or something completely different, and then you suddenly realized the whole room had become silent. You were the only one still talking, and then you noticed everyone was looking at you. At that moment, you also realized you were supposed to be listening to the leader and not talking with your neighbor.

Let’s look at what just happened. Something was going on around you, and you were not fully aware of it. Circumstances changed, and you became aware of the situation. The whole room was looking at you. In this case, it may have been embarrassing, but the Bible says the Holy Spirit helps us by doing the same thing. You have heard that we all sin. We all do things that are displeasing to God. The Bible says the Holy Spirit will help us understand that we are sinners. The Bible word for this is “conviction.” Conviction means that we become aware or are brought to a sense of knowing or belief. The Holy Spirit will

help you to recognize when you sin. It's no fun to be told that you are wrong, but this is a good thing. God, in His grace, gives the Holy Spirit who helps us ask for His forgiveness. God is forgiving and abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon Him. The Holy Spirit is a helper to show you how to seek forgiveness.

Discussion Questions

1. Think about the story in the teaching; have you ever suddenly realized the whole room was looking at you?
2. How did this realization spur you to action?
3. Sometimes the Holy Spirit urges us to acts of kindness. Talk about a time when you were prompted and acted to be kind or help someone. (Parent, you might start with a story about how you were prompted to give a special tip to a waiter or help a homeless person.)

Play

The Holy Spirit helps prompt us about our actions or recognize opportunities to help others. See if you can silently prompt your child(ren) into action with only nonverbal communication. These actions might be hand motions, facial expressions, or eye movements. Some ideas: follow me, thirstiness, stop misbehaving, etc.

Live it Out

Listen for the Holy Spirit to give you thoughts about actions and people. As you go this week ask God to show you how you can impact your community for Him. Look for needs in your neighborhood and listen for needs when you talk to friends and family.

Closing Prayer

God, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to help us live for You. Thank You that the Holy Spirit urges us to seek forgiveness, so we can live for You even more today. Amen.