



Family Battle Plan

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

Week 9: Holy Spirit

4th and 5th 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 is given to a person when he/she trusts Jesus as his/her Savior and Lord.

Teach

We experience most of life through one of our five senses. Immediately, we recognize familiar sounds, sights, smells, tastes, or feelings. Memories rush to our minds when we encounter certain smells, and we respond quickly when we touch something hot. Because we rely so much on our senses, it is difficult to trust in the existence of something that cannot be seen, touched, heard, tasted, or smelled.

When we repent of our sins, believe that Jesus died and rose from the grave to save us, and receive Him as our Savior, we are given the Holy Spirit to live inside of us. We cannot see or hear him with our eyes or ears, but we can definitely sense His presence in our lives. The Holy Spirit comforts us, encourages us, convicts us of sin, and leads us toward truth.

What a privilege and blessing it is to have a personal guide helping us through the ups and downs of life. In fact, before Jesus left the earth to return to Heaven, He said that it is better for us to have the Holy Spirit than to have Jesus remain on the earth (John 16:7).

The Holy Spirit is not seen with our eyes, but we can clearly sense His working in us and around us.

Discussion Questions

Allow time for family discussion.

- Have you ever felt like lying, but you didn't? Why do you think you made the right choice?
- Why do you think it makes you feel good to make the right choices?
- Think about a time that a familiar Bible verse finally made sense to you. Discuss the Holy Spirit's role in your understanding of God's Word.
- When have you gone through a difficult time and felt the Holy Spirit's comfort?

Play

Gather several items from around the house and place them in individual bags. Have your child close his or her eyes and reach in each bag to feel the items. See how many items he or she can identify. Explain that although the Holy Spirit cannot be seen, touched, or heard, we can become better at identifying His voice as we experience His presence.

Live it Out

Talk about your own salvation story and what it has looked like growing in your faith. How has the Holy Spirit convicted you of sin, helped you to interpret Scripture, and encouraged or comforted you? Help your child(ren) understand that you desire to help them learn to listen to the Holy Spirit.

Closing Prayer

Thank You, Lord, for *"a new heart, and a new spirit that You put within me"* (Ezekiel 36:26). Thank You that Your Holy Spirit guides me even though I cannot see Him with my eyes. Help me to recognize His work in my life.