



GLOSSARY

ASK: Ask a question that will help them to think about how this information makes a difference in the life.

SHARE: Talk about your own experience as a disciple of Jesus.

EXPLAIN: This is a piece of information that will help to explain the topic.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Jesus said, "... The Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you."

John 14:25 (CEV)

Chat

EXPLAIN: After Jesus had died on the cross and rose again He knew that it would soon be time for Him to return to Heaven. Before He left, He promised that we would never be alone because God's Holy Spirit would be with us.

ASK: How do you feel when you are all alone?

SHARE: Sometimes when I'm all alone I feel ...

EXPLAIN: Isn't it great to know that even though we sometimes feel alone, we're never really alone. We can't see Him but God's Holy Spirit is real and is always with us.

SHARE: I feel God is close to me when His Holy Spirit... (Eg speaks to me, guides me, comforts me, I feel His love, etc)

ASK: When do you feel God is close to you?

- ASK: How do you know if you're making a good choice or a bad choice?
- EXPLAIN: At those times when you feel God is close, that's the Holy Spirit in you.
- EXPLAIN: When we make a wrong choice we get a bad feeling inside of us. This feeling is called our conscience. The Holy Spirit speaks to us through our conscience to let us know when what we are doing is wrong.
- SHARE: One time I felt the Holy Spirit telling me I was doing something wrong was...
- EXPLAIN: It's not always easy to do the right thing. Sometimes the wrong thing seems fun or exciting but the Holy Spirit encourages us to do what's right.
- ASK: Can you think of a time when something felt fun or exciting but you knew it was a bad choice?
- EXPLAIN: The Holy Spirit helps us to make good choices. When we do make a good choice the Holy Spirit is there cheering us on.
- EXPLAIN: The Holy Spirit helps us to become the best that we can be. Sometimes you might hear someone talking about being "transformed" by the Holy Spirit.
- SHARE: When I am being _____ you can see the Holy Spirit helping me.
(Insert one of the "fruit of the Spirit" listed in Galatians 5:22,23. You'll also find them on the Journal Page)
- ASK: How is the Holy Spirit helping you to be the best you can be?

Activity

Option 1: Look at this balloon that is not blown up yet. What can we do with it when it is all floppy like this? Let's try to play a game with it.

Before the balloon has air in it, it is small, boring and kind of useless.

What would make this better? (Inflate the balloon).

What could we do with the balloon now? What's made the difference? It's the same balloon but now it is full of air. The air inside the balloon has helped to make it the best that it could become.

Option 2: Go fly a kite! Without wind the kite lays still. This is not what it was designed for. What do you think a kite should do?

The wind fills the kite as it soars in the sky. The Holy Spirit fills us up and helps us to become the best we can be.

If you don't have a kite, there are heaps of websites to show you how to make one with supplies found around the house.

Instructions for making a kite from a sheet of A4 paper and a piece of string can be found here: <http://www.instructables.com/id/Very-Simple-Kite/>

Application

When you need help or aren't sure what to do, remember you can ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Prayer

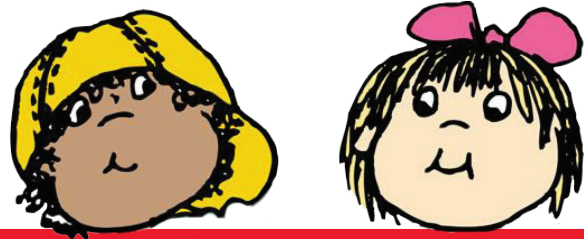
Thank you that your Holy Spirit is always with me, helping me to become the best I can be.

Key point

EXPLAIN: Isn't it great to know that even though we sometimes feel alone, we're never really alone. We can't see Him but God's Holy Spirit is real and is always with us.

SHARE: I feel God is close to me when His Holy Spirit... (Eg speaks to me, guides me, comforts me, I feel His love, etc)

ASK: When do you feel God is close to you?



Tips for Using Little Chats

As children answer the questions they are voicing their thoughts to God. Remind them that Jesus hears our prayers. You don't need to ask all of the questions each time you use Little Chats but referring to a range each time will help children to learn about the breadth of prayer.

Use the suggested prayer or pray in your own words to model more formal prayer without minimising the importance of the informal prayer.

Remember to be aware of the teachable moments in everyday life, not just when using Little Chats, to have important conversations with children.

This resource provides a guideline for conversations. If children want to discuss things further keep the conversation going for as long as they are still interested.

Don't be afraid to tell a child that you don't know the answers to their questions. In these instance, offer to work together to learn the answer.

Little Chats - Who is the Holy Spirit?

Journal

God's Holy Spirit helps me to become:

Loving

Happy

Peaceful

Patient

Kind

Good

Faithful

Gentle

Self-controlled

Tick the words that describe how the Holy Spirit is making you the best you can be.

Ask the person working with you to underline the words that they think describe you.

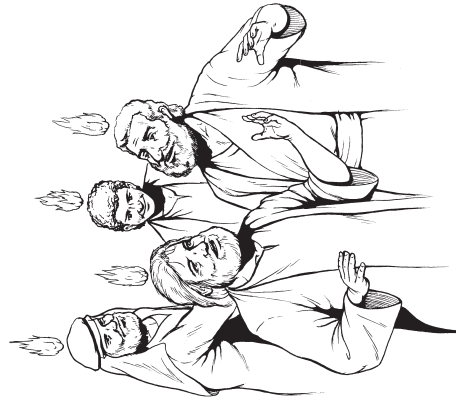
Circle the ones that describe who you would like to become. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Prayer

Colour in the picture and say the prayer at the bottom of the page.

Jesus said:
THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT,
whom the Father will send
in my name,
WILL TEACH
YOU EVERYTHING
and make you remember
all that I have told you.

John 14:26



Dear Jesus,

Thank you that your Holy Spirit is always with me, helping me to become the best I can be. Amen