

WEEK 3 | OLDER ELEMENTARY

Need to Know: I Can Wonder About the Holy Spirit

Bible Story: The Holy Spirit

Bible Reference: John 14:15-27, 16:7, 16:12-15, Galatians 5:22-23



CIRCLE UP

- DO**
- Welcome kids to church and tell them who you are. **Sanitize** kids' hands.
 - Have each child share his/her name and ask them a question using the **Scientific Fact Sheet**.

SAY *You did a great job wondering about whether those facts were true or false! We wonder when we feel curious and are surprised by what we find! You may have wondered about a lot of things in life, but have you ever wondered about the Holy Spirit? (Allow responses) There are so many wonderful things we can find out about Him. So let me hear you say this after me:*

I Can Wonder About the Holy Spirit

READ THE BIBLE

- DO**
1. Give each child a **Lab Notes Sheet**, and allow them to choose a **drawing utensil**.
 2. Read the **Bible Story Sheet** aloud, stopping for kids to add their observations from the story to their Lab Notes.
 3. Afterward, collect the drawing utensils and ask:
 - *What did Jesus' friends feel worried about? (What would happen when Jesus went back to heaven)*
 - *Why was it good for Jesus to go back to heaven? (When Jesus left, it meant that the Holy Spirit could come to guide them and be with them always)*
 - *How does the Holy Spirit speak to us? (The Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts)*

LET'S PRACTICE

OPTION 1: Pictionary

DO

1. Divide the group into two teams. Alternate teams, allowing one child to choose a **Pictionary Card** from the **bag** without showing the group.
2. Use the **dry erase marker** to draw the picture on the **dry erase board**, and have the team try to guess what it is. If the picture is correctly guessed, give the team a point and read the corresponding question from the **Leader Guide**.
3. Erase with a **paper towel**, and repeat until all Cards have been drawn and discussed. Then, congratulate the winning team and collect all supplies.
4. Repeat the Need to Know again: ***I Can Wonder About the Holy Spirit***

OPTION 2: Discussion Questions

1. *What is one question you have about the Holy Spirit?*
2. *Where do you think you can find answers to your questions? (Talk to God, Look in the Bible, Ask an Adult)*
3. *What did you learn about the Holy Spirit in the story we read?*
4. *How does the Holy Spirit help you?*
5. Have kids repeat:
I Can Wonder About the Holy Spirit

LET'S PRAY

SAY

Hey God! Thank You so much for giving us your Holy Spirit to be our helper and friend forever. I pray that everyone listening will decide to follow Jesus so they can see how powerful and helpful your Holy Spirit really is. Please grow all the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. We love You! Amen!

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO

Our memory verse for this series helps us tell God how wonderful He is. Say this after me:

"Lord, who among the gods is like you?

Who is like you?

You are majestic and holy.

Your glory fills me with wonder.

You do amazing things."

Exodus 15:11

Place the **Memory Verse Cards** out in the correct order. Lead the group in saying the verse together. Take turns letting one child remove a Card. Say the verse again and see if the group can remember the missing word. Keep playing until all the Cards are gone.

Place **drawing utensils** in the center of the group. Then allow kids to draw on the back of their **Lab Notes Sheets** to take home.