



Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching them and respond through creative activities and games.

Reflect: God's Spirit Renews

Encourage the kids to open their Bibles and read the suggested passages.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER KIDS

- **Why did Paul write to the Galatians?** Galatians 1:6–7
- **How can we be set free from sin?** Romans 8:2
- **How does God desire for us to use our freedom?** Galatians 5:13–14
- **What is the fruit of the Spirit?** Galatians 5:22–23
- **Has God renewed something you struggled with in your life? Tell us about it.**

QUESTIONS FOR OLDER KIDS

- **Why did Paul write to the Galatians?** Galatians 1:6–7
- **How can we be set free from sin?** Romans 8:2
- **How does God desire for us to use our freedom?** Galatians 5:13–14
- **How do we sometimes try to “fix ourselves”?** Galatians 3:3
- **How does the Holy Spirit renew us?** Galatians 2:19–20
- **What does it mean to be renewed?** Colossians 3:7–10
- **What keeps us from growing spiritual fruit?** Galatians 6:7–8
- **Has God renewed something you struggled with in your life? Tell us about it.**

Renewed Coins

Children have an opportunity to consider the concept of renewal by cleaning tarnished coins.

SUPPLIES

- Old/Tarnished copper coins (at least 5)
- Plastic cups or bowls
- Ketchup
- Dish soap
- Lemon juice
- Vinegar
- Salt
- Paper towels
- Clear plastic containers
- Disposable spoons
- Measuring spoons

SET UP

Fill a clear plastic container with water. Put two tablespoons of ketchup in a plastic cup or bowl, a half-teaspoon of dish soap and two tablespoons of water in a second bowl, and two tablespoons of lemon juice in a third bowl. In a fourth bowl, mix two tablespoons of vinegar and one teaspoon of salt. Set everything out along with the paper towels, a disposable spoon, and five coins.

RELATE

When God's Spirit works in us, He removes our sin and renews us. Let's do a science experiment together to

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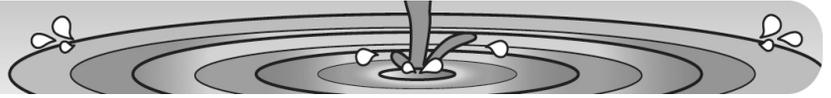
*see Resources

see how something old and tarnished can become new and shiny again.

Look closely at the tarnished coins. Discuss: **What color do you think these coins were when they were first made? Why do you think they're tarnished now? How are these coins like our lives when we're caught in sin and choosing not to follow God?**

Place one coin in each bowl; completely cover the coins with the substances in the bowls. Leave one coin out as your base to measure the others against. As you wait about five minutes for the substances to work, encourage kids to predict which substance will best clean the coins. Talk about what a life surrendered to Jesus looks like. After about five minutes, take out the coins one at a time. Rinse them in the container of water and place them on a paper towel. Don't forget which coin was in which solution. Compare the coins and make a conclusion about which solution best renewed the tarnished coin.

BLESS//5 minutes



Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing may be prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

SUPPLIES

- Remember Verse cards (see Resources)
- At Home Weekly: Lesson 8 (see Resources)
- Bible

RELATE

Open a Bible and read Titus 3:4–5:

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Read the verses a second time, this time leading the kids to make the following actions:

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared: Make heart shape with hands.

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done: Shake head as if saying no.

But because of his mercy: Lift hands to heaven.

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit: Pretend to scrub something hard.

Finally, bless the group with the following words:

May God's Spirit renew you as He grows His spiritual fruit in you. May the fruit He produces show others His great power.

Send home Remember Verse cards and the At Home Weekly with your kids.