

40 DAYS OF *prayer*

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INTRO

Dear Child Champion,

Thank you so much for being dedicated to bringing children into the 40 Days of Prayer initiative with the Alliance family! This guide will help you introduce children to the weekly theme through a small, weekly kid's devotional, a key verse, and a weekly prayer prompt. Additionally, there will be a brief video recapping each weekly piece as a supplemental resource as well as a suggested prop for group display. This children's guide can be used in a church setting or by a parent or guardian in the home to accompany the adult 40 Days of Prayer content.

This guide contains six devotionals and accompanying videos. If you are utilizing this in addition to a weekly children's church curriculum, you can expect it to take 5 to 7 minutes to complete each time. All key verses are from the NIV.

We hope this resource will help you as you encourage children to pray alongside their collective Alliance family. We believe children play a vital Kingdom role, and we are honored to have them on this journey with us!

Blessings,



Leah Broach
National Director for Alliance Kids



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WEEK 3: THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



KEY VERSE

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever (John 14:16).



PRAYER PROMPTS

Thank the Lord for the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you know and hear His still, small voice. Ask the Lord to help you obey when the Spirit is speaking to you.



SUGGESTED PROP

Water in liquid, solid, and vapor form



VIDEO

vimeo.com/643610496/7a777e2fed



WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Last week, we learned about the Trinity, God in three persons. We spent time understanding how we could be sure that Jesus was the Son of God.

This week, we will learn about the Holy Spirit. Remember how we used a chicken egg to think about the three persons of God? This week, water will help us understand more about the Holy Spirit.

We know that water can be liquid. We drink water, swim in water, and use water to clean. We also know that water is solid when it is frozen. All of us know what ice cubes are. When water freezes, it is no longer liquid; it becomes hard and cold.

But what happens when water gets hot and becomes a vapor? When we take a hot shower, we see the steam swirling in the air around the liquid water. That steam is water in vapor form. Sometimes, thinking about water as a vapor helps us understand God as a spirit.

The Bible tells us that those who believe in Jesus also have the Holy Spirit living inside them. The very Spirit of God in our lives helps us to hear and follow Jesus. We can't feel the Holy Spirit physically, but we do feel the effects of listening to Him and following Him. We feel the peace and joy He gives us, and we feel conviction leading us to repentance when we disobey.

Remember that steamy shower? If you leave the water on long enough, the vapor will fill the room and cover the mirror. Even though you can't reach out and hold the water vapor, you can see its effects. The next time you see water vapor, think about the incredible effects the Holy Spirit has in the believer's life. Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Great Comforter!

Now, just like the egg from last week, water in three parts doesn't fully explain how God is three in one. For water to do that, it would have to be a solid, liquid, and vapor all at once. Having a steamy, liquid ice cube is impossible, but with God, the Trinity is very possible. In three persons as the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, God makes living life as a believer very special. Having the Holy Spirit inside us helping us to live is an amazing gift from God!