

# The Holy Spirit

January 10

## FOR THE PARENTS

The Holy Spirit is an amazing person and a difficult concept to grasp at any age! Think about where your children are at in their life, their age and their walk with the Lord. Take time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance as you seek to understand more about Him and as you help your children understand more about Him.

## EXPLORE

Do you have a Christmas or birthday gift you received when you were younger? If not, use a gift from this past Christmas. Think of clues that you can tell your children as they try to guess what the gift is. Clues can include height, length, colour. After doing this a couple of times (you can even get your older children helping by giving clues for one of their gifts) talk about how God has given us a great gift! Say something like, "Isn't receiving gifts a lot of fun! Some gifts are great for playing, some gifts are practical or something that we need to use regularly. God has given us a special gift in the person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is with us to help us, encourage us and so much more! Let's learn a little bit about Him."

## LESSON

**Supplies needed:** an egg, a bowl, and a towel for your hands, clear cup or bottle of water, ice cubes

Okay. We know Who God is. He created us. We know Who Jesus is. He saved us. So who is the Holy Spirit anyway? Some of you have heard that God is three persons in one. God is the Father, the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. How can we explain it? Well, this egg right here has three parts. There is the shell, (crack open), the yolk, and the white stuff. It has three parts, but it is still one egg.

Or, we could use the water analogy. There is water in its liquid form (pour or drink), there is water in its solid form which we call ice (show cubes), and there is water as a gas which we call water vapor. That's the steam that fogs the mirror in your bathroom when it's hot in there.

You may have also heard that the Holy Spirit is like the wind. The wind comes and goes as it pleases, but we never actually see the wind itself. We see its affects when the branches sway, leaves blow, and when your cat gets launched across the yard in a really bad storm. The Holy Spirit is kind of like the wind. You can't see Him, but you do see His affects in people's lives.

God is three persons in one. We explain that by using the three parts of the egg and the three forms of water. We explain the Holy Spirit as one of these parts and also like the wind. But, He is NOT like an egg, water, or the wind in any other way. He is a mystery. He is not like anything we know. We can't draw Him, explain Him, or compare Him. But we can trust Him and we can know that He is good. So if He's so hard to understand, what do we know about Him then?

## RESPOND

**Supplies needed:** Bibles, pencils, fill in the blank statements; Optional: statements cut apart on small slips of paper and put onto middle of table. Pick one slip of paper at a time and work as a family to fill in the blanks.

1. Who is the Holy Spirit? (Isaiah 9:6)

The Son (Jesus) is called Wonderful \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of Peace. The Holy Spirit is a part of the Trinity of God.

2. How do you get the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:38)

\_\_\_\_\_ of your sins. This means to turn from sin, to change direction from wrong to right, and to follow Jesus.

3. Where does the Holy Spirit live? (John 14:16-17)

The Father will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_. The world will not accept Him, but you know Him because He lives with \_\_\_\_\_ and will be in you.

4. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (Acts 1:8)

You will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth. (He gives us courage to tell about Jesus!)

5. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (John 14:26)

The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, will \_\_\_\_\_ us all things and will remind us of everything He has said to us.

6. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (John 14:27)

He gives us \_\_\_\_\_. We do not have to be troubled or afraid.

7. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (John 16:8)

He \_\_\_\_\_ the world of guilt. That means that He makes us sorry for our sin.

8. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? (Galatians 5:22-23)

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, \_\_\_\_\_, patience, \_\_\_\_\_, goodness, faithfulness, \_\_\_\_\_ and self control. (We become people who have these characteristics in our lives.)

## BLESSING

The Blessing is a time to pray over each child separately. Put a hand on their shoulder or head and insert their name where possible.

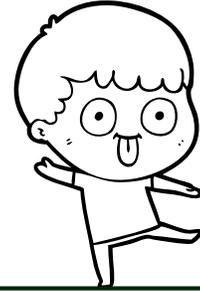
May the Lord bless (child's name) and keep him/her; the Lord make his face shine on (child's name) and be gracious to him/her; the Lord turn his face toward (child's name) and give him/her peace.

Numbers 6:22-26

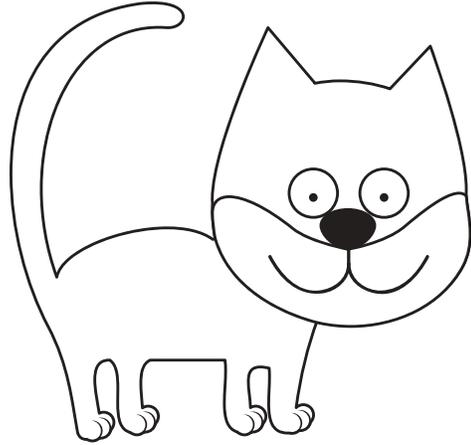
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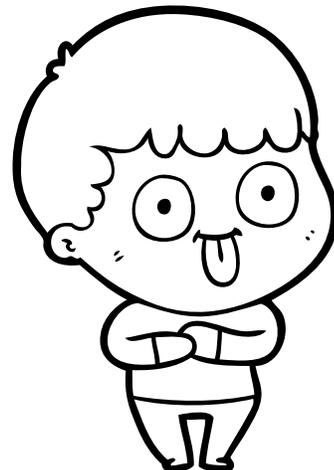
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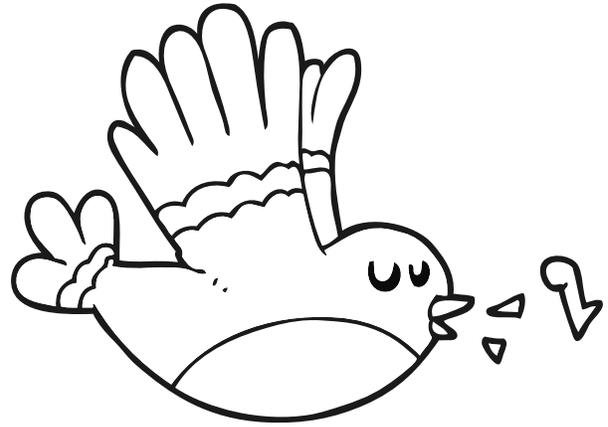
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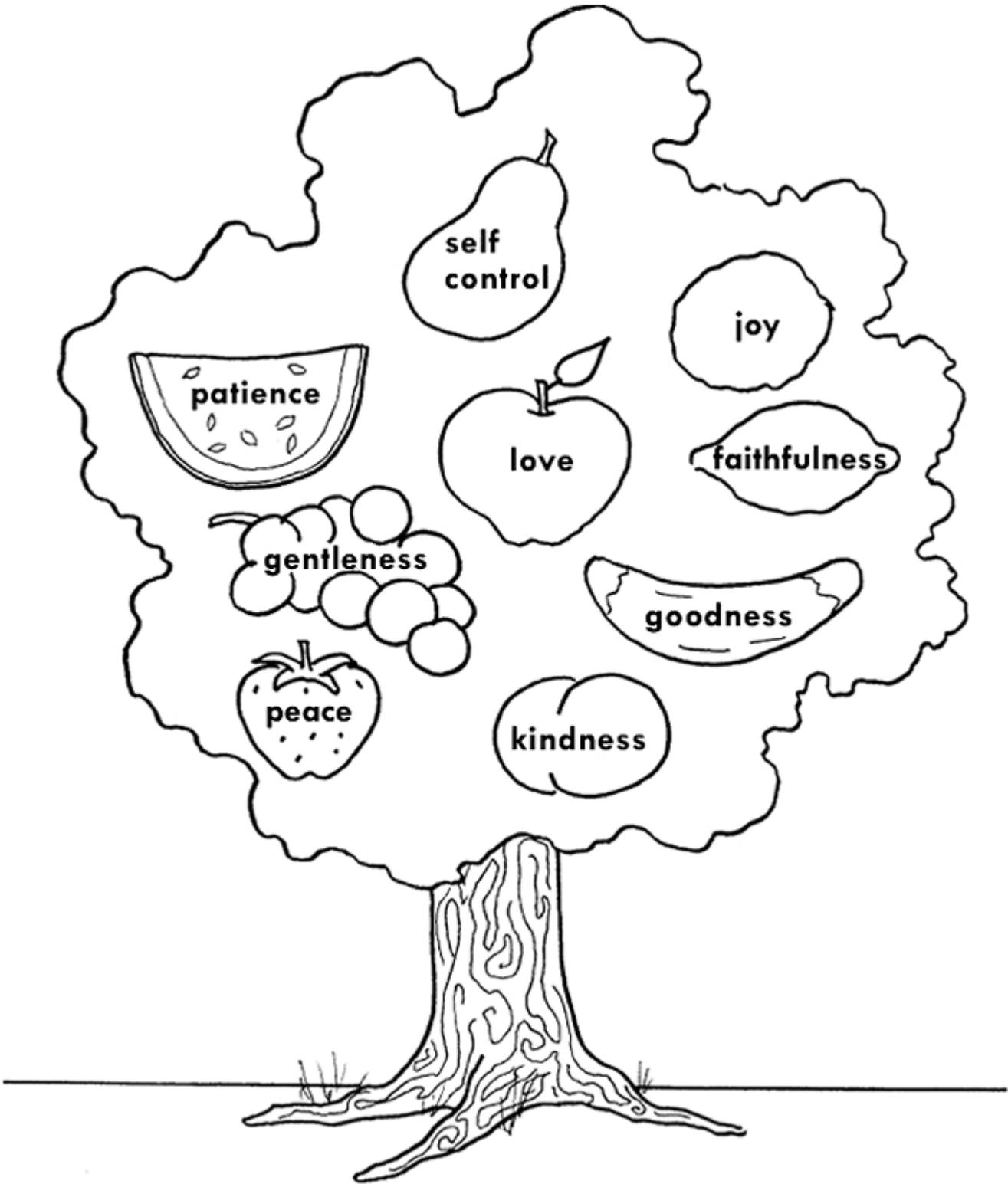




What was your favourite song today?



Draw a picture about the sermon or your favourite song



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# Fruit of the Spirit Maze

