

# GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT



## Week 2 – Elementary Additional Resources for Parents

ACTIVITY: Ask For Help

INSTRUCTIONS: Put a basket filled with crayons, markers, and pencils at the table and distribute the printable. Encourage your child(ren) to write or draw different things they might need help with in their lives. Make some suggestions, like homework, paying for an item at the store, reaching the cereal bowls in the cupboard, getting to school in the morning, or anything else they just can't quite do without some help from someone else yet. Next to each item, tell them to write down the person (or people) they would ask for help: maybe a parent, teacher, pastor, sibling or friend.

THE BIG IDEA: **God gives us the Holy Spirit.**

Well, guess what? I have great news! We do have someone who does that. We have access to our very own Helper and our Helper gives us an extra boost to face the hard stuff in our lives every single day! The name of our helper is Holy Spirit. Have you heard that name before?

Yeah! The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God and that's who we're going to learn about today. I want you to repeat our Big Idea after me:

**God** (Point upward.)

**Gives us** (Point to self.)

**The Holy Spirit** (Point upward.)

Our Helper, the Holy Spirit, gives us power, direction, and guidance.

*The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost*

*2 When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers gathered in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound came from heaven. It was like a strong wind blowing. It filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw something that looked like fire in the shape of tongues. The flames separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this.*

This story is about a day called “Pentecost.” Pentecost is a day that is celebrated 50 days after Easter. And Pentecost celebrates the very first time the Holy Spirit showed up. So what happened here was, Jesus had just gone back to Heaven so He was no longer with the disciples on Earth. You might remember from last week that Jesus left them all with a mission before He left, though. But with all the hard work that awaited them, the disciples definitely needed a helper! And that’s why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with them! The Bible story today says that Holy Spirit showing up was like a “mighty, rushing wind,” and the people began to speak in other languages! **Can you imagine being able to just suddenly speak in other languages than the one you grew up learning?** Wild, right? So, when the Helper showed up on the scene, things changed! It was a big deal!

Here is a link to a short video that explains how God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>

STORY: All by Myself

INSTRUCTIONS: Tell your child(ren) a story about a time you were left to do something very difficult on your own, without help. For instance, solving a math problem with no help, or picking out your own clothes for the first time. Keep the story lighthearted and emphasize how much easier the task would have been had you had help.

ACTIVITY: Pass the Answer Ball

INSTRUCTIONS: You’ll need a small ball you can safely throw/catch with your kid(s). Start with the ball and pass it to one kid after explaining the activity!

Okay, we’re going to pass the answer ball! This is the answer ball. When it gets thrown to you, you’re going to share one thing you learned from this lesson. If you can’t think of anything you learned, instead, you can ask a question about what we talked about. Here goes... catch!