

WEEK 1

Truly God

Preparation:

Read John 14:15-31, Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 8:9-10, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 using the Bible Study notes to help you.



This study (and those for the next 2 weeks) looks at part of the discourse Jesus addressed to his disciples in the upper room prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It follows after Jesus' prediction of his betrayal and Peter's denial that he would forsake Jesus, and comes at a time when the disciples are feeling confused and despondent.

John

- 14:16 Counsellor means comforter and advocate (see series overview). Jesus is our advocate with the Father (1 John 2:1). The Holy Spirit is Jesus' advocate with us.
- 14:17 Spirit of truth - see John 15:26; 16:13.
- 14:18 Jesus will come by means of the Holy Spirit.
- 14:19 Refers to the resurrection. See 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.
- 14:21 Obeying Jesus' commands (words) is inextricably linked with love for Christ. Our love is demonstrated by obedience.
- 14:23 Note the link with verse 17. The Father and Son will make their home with the believer (v.23), as will the Holy Spirit (v.17).
- 14:24 Jesus equates his words with the Father's words - he only speaks what the Father speaks.
- 14:26 This was written primarily to the disciples, who literally heard Jesus' words. The Holy Spirit would remind them of all that Jesus

Lesson Aim:

To understand that the Holy Spirit is God and that he is present in the life of every Christian.

had said - a great assurance for us that the Scriptures are trustworthy! (See also point 6 in the series aims).

- 14:30 The Prince of this world is Satan (cf. John 12:30-33).

Matthew

- 28:19 The Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead, in whose name all disciples are commanded to be baptised.

Romans

- 8:9-10 The Holy Spirit lives in every believer. We must not divide Jesus and the Holy Spirit. He is called the Spirit (v.9), the Spirit of God (v.9), the Spirit of Christ (v.9), Christ (v.10).

2 Corinthians

- 1:21-22 God has placed his Holy Spirit in each Christian as a guarantee that we belong to him.

Use a pen and paper puzzle e.g. hangman, to get the words 'Holy Spirit'. Ask the children what they know about

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the Holy Spirit and list their answers on a board or flip chart. If your group is likely to know very little you could ask them simple questions about the Holy Spirit that require true or false as the answer, e.g. the Holy Spirit is God, the Holy Spirit was promised to us by Abraham, etc. In today's Bible passage we will see what Jesus had to say about the Holy Spirit.

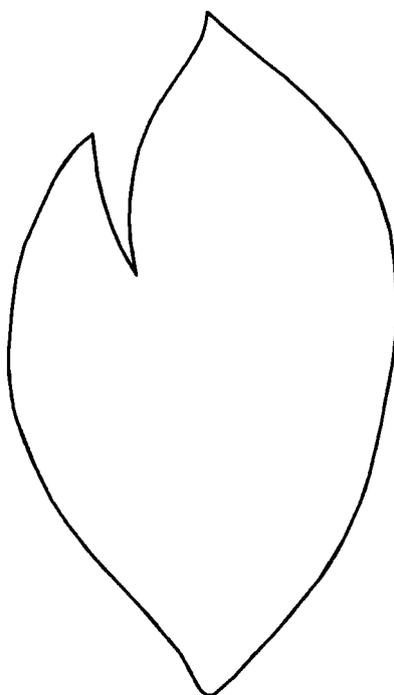
Teach the passage using the activity pages to help you. Do not teach the memory verse this week, because there is a memory verse puzzle as part of next week's session. At the end of the study summarize what the children have learned about the Holy Spirit and compare that with what they knew at the beginning.

Photocopy page 10 on coloured card and pages 11 and 12 on paper for each child. Each child also requires 1 sheet of A4 coloured card for the back cover and an A4 slide binder. Prior to the lesson cut out a flame shape for each child from red paper for them to glue onto the front cover (see diagram).

Activities



Divide the children into twos or threes and ask them to use the letters HOLY SPIRIT to devise an acrostic dealing with the person and work of the Holy Spirit. E.g. H - holy, O - obedience, etc. If they cannot think of a word starting with the letter, they can use a word that contains that letter, e.g. Y - joy. Ask the groups to feed back to each other at the end.



The Holy Spirit

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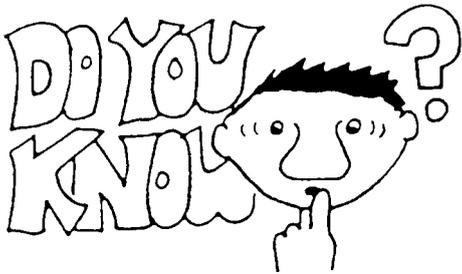
John 14:15-31

This passage is part of the talk Jesus gave to his disciples in the upper room on the night he was arrested. It follows the washing of the disciples' feet and the Last Supper. Jesus had told his disciples that he would be leaving them (John 13:33-38) and they were feeling sad (14:1). In this passage Jesus tells them about the Holy Spirit, who will come to be with the disciples in Jesus' place.

What name does Jesus give to the Holy Spirit?

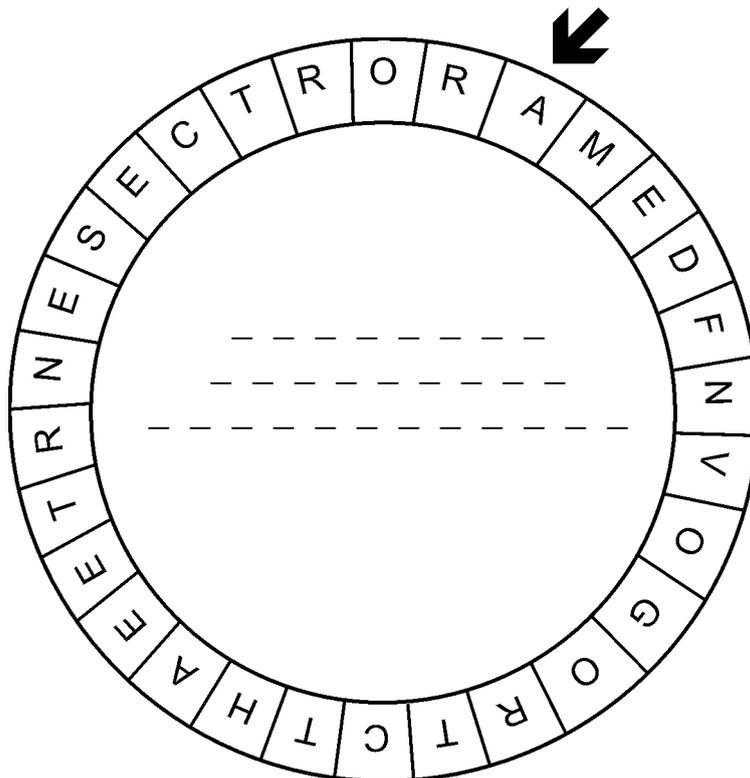
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What does Counsellor mean?

Starting at the arrow, write down every third letter in the spaces below to discover 3 words to help you to understand the meaning.

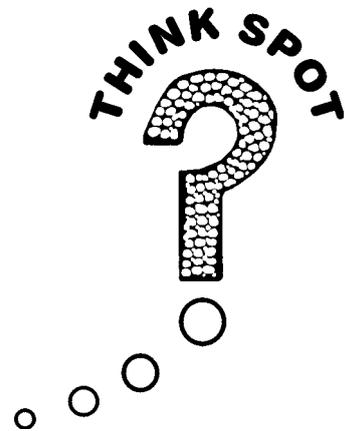


In verses 16-17, who does Jesus say will come to live in the disciples forever?

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But -

in verses 18-20, Jesus says that **HE** will come to live in his disciples.

Is Jesus saying that the disciples will have **2** people living in them?



Read Matthew 28:18-20. Here Jesus talks about the Holy Spirit as being part of the G _ _ _ _ _ , in whose name all disciples are commanded to be baptised.

Does this mean that the Holy Spirit is God? yes no

Now look at John 14:23 to see who else will make his home with the believer
the F _ _ _ _ _ .



In John 14:16-17, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Was this promise only for the twelve?

Read Romans 8:9-10 and 2 Corinthians 1:21-22. Does the Holy Spirit live in **every** believer or only in some?

Thank God for giving his Holy Spirit to **every** believer as a guarantee of our salvation.

