

## Junior Discussion Plan

Year 3 Quarter 3 Week 4

**Aim:** To understand a little about the Holy Spirit and the importance of the Holy Spirit in a Christian life. Fundamental 5 – the Holy Spirit

**Resources:** What We Believe for Kids by Jerry D Thomas; What We Believe for Teens by Seth J Pierce; God Loves Me 28 ways – Bible Adventures for Young Readers. All published by Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Remember last week we talked about the Great Commission – the special job that Jesus gave to Christians. What was it? (Matthew 28:18-20)

Something had to happen first.

**Read Acts 1:8** (The Holy Spirit would come and give them power)

This verse was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was visible as fire. This was one of the few times that the Holy Spirit has been seen by humans.

Can you think of another time?

Luke 3:22 – the Baptism of Jesus.

This is the one time when God the Father AND God the Son AND God the Holy Spirit could be seen and heard by humans all at the same time.

We talked a couple of weeks ago about how God is greater than anything we can understand.

We use the word 'Trinity' for God, although the Bible never uses that word. There is ONE God, and yet three individuals make up that One God. They are all different, but they are united in purpose. What one knows, the others know.

Deuteronomy 6:4 NLT says, "The LORD is our God, the LORD alone." Or in most other versions, "The LORD our God, the LORD is one."

**Read Matthew 28:19** (Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

What are some different names that you have heard for the Holy Spirit?

**Make a list of the different names as you read them.**

**Make a list of different jobs / things the Holy Spirit does.**

**Read Genesis 1:2**

**Read John 14:26** (Advocate, Holy Spirit, When He comes He will teach and remind)

Depending on which translation you read, the Book of John translates the name used for the Holy Spirit different ways.

- NLT - Advocate
- NASB – Holy Spirit
- NKJV – Helper
- KJV – Comforter
- CSB – Counsellor

The Amplified version of the Bible uses extra words to make sure the original meaning is easy to understand.

John 14:26 in the Amplified Bible reads: *"But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counsellor, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you."*

- **John 16:13-15** (Spirit of Truth, passing messages)
- **Luke 1:35** (Conception)
- **2 Peter 1:21** (Prophets)
- **2 Corinthians 3:18** (Makes us like Him)
- **Galatians 5:22-25** (Fruit of the Spirit, following the Spirit)
- **1 Peter 1:2** (Makes us Holy)
- **Romans 8:26** (intercedes)
- **1 Corinthians 2:10, 13** (reveals God's secrets, gives words)
- **Ephesians 4:3** (gives unity)

When we say 'Jesus is in my heart' it is the same thing as saying I am filled with the Holy Spirit. Or I am a child of God. God and Jesus are with us now, through the Holy Spirit.