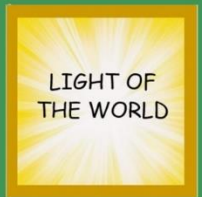
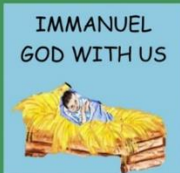


TRINITY



With us and in us



KNOWING GOD

Lesson 7: *The Helper* (Condensed Version)

THE HOLY SPIRIT (Scripture: John 14:16-17, see main lesson for more)

Objectives: To explain that: *After Jesus went to be with the Father, he promised the disciples he would send the Holy Spirit to be their Helper. The Holy Spirit would be with them and **in** them. *The Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the Trinity. He has the same nature and character as the Father and the Son. *The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. He gave life to all living things in creation, and he also gives us new life in Jesus, so we can become more and more **like** Jesus. *The Holy Spirit is our helper and teacher and gives us power and boldness to share the gospel with others. *We receive the Holy Spirit through repentance, faith, and baptism. The Holy Spirit is always with us and in us.

Review and "I Wonder" Questions: This picture tells us about God. God is a Trinity - three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), but one God. The Father is the 1st person of the Trinity. The Son is the 2nd person of the Trinity. They are both **Creator, Almighty, Eternal, Holy and Love**. God the Son came to earth and was born as a baby, named Jesus. He revealed God to us. He is **Immanuel** (God with Us), **Fully Man/Fully God**, he is **Saviour, The Light of the World, and Forever King and Lord of All**. *I wonder what the Holy Spirit is like. *I wonder how the Holy Spirit is different than God the Father, and God the Son. Let's find out more in our lesson....

Lesson Props: Poster: Year 2, Lesson #4 - The Lifegiving Water of Baptism

Lesson Summary: Have you ever had to wait a long time for help with something? Maybe you had to wait a long time for the teacher to help you at school? Wouldn't it be great if you had a helper that you wouldn't need to wait for, but who would always be there for you? Before Jesus went to be with his Father in Heaven, he promised his disciples that he would send a helper who would always be with them. The helper Jesus promised was **the Holy Spirit**. Jesus had been **with** the disciples here on earth, but when Jesus went to be with the Father in Heaven, the Father sent the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit (*point to "with us and in us"*) would be **with** the disciples, AND he would be **in** them forever. Who is the Holy Spirit? (*Point to the words Holy Spirit and God*) Yes, he is God. He is the 3rd person of the Trinity. Together with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit is also Creator, Almighty, Eternal, Holy and Love. (*Point to symbols*) The image of a dove is often used to symbolize his purity and holiness. The Holy Spirit is the **Giver of Life**. (*Point to symbol*) He gave life to all living things in creation, and he also gives us new life in Jesus, so that we can become more and more **like** Jesus. How does the Holy Spirit come to live in us? (*Hold up Lesson #4 Baptism poster and point to arrows*). We receive the Holy Spirit through repentance, faith in Jesus and baptism. When we are baptized, we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, **and** the Holy Spirit. (*Put away Lesson #4 Baptism poster*) The Holy Spirit is our **Helper** and our **Teacher**. (*Point to symbol*) What does he want to help us with and teach us? Hold up your hand and I will tell you 5 things. (*Have the children hold up one finger for each point.*) **1.** The Holy Spirit helps us to know and follow Jesus. **2.** He helps us understand the Bible. **3.** He helps us choose to do what is right. **4.** He helps us to pray. **5.** He gives us power. The Holy Spirit gives us power and boldness to tell others about Jesus. When we have the Holy Spirit, we are never left alone, we have God with us always, just as he promised.

Suggested Questions: **What does this lesson tell us about God?** (God is a Trinity – three in one. All three persons of the Trinity are: Creator, almighty, eternal, holy, and love.) ***Who is the Holy Spirit?** (He is the 3rd person of the Trinity. Together with the Father and the Son he is God. He is the Giver of Life. He is our Helper and our Teacher.) ***What are 5 things the Holy Spirit wants to help us with and teach us?** (1. He helps us to know and follow Jesus. 2. He helps us understand the Bible. 3. He helps us understand what is right and wrong. 4. He helps us to pray. 5. He gives us power and boldness to tell others about Jesus.) ***How do we receive the Holy Spirit?** (Through repentance, faith in Jesus and baptism.) ***What image is often used to symbolize the holiness and purity of the Holy Spirit?** (The image of a dove.)

Bible Memory Verse: "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things." John 14:26a - ESV