



WEEK 4

CORE IDEA: The Holy Spirit gives me courage.

Week 4 of our follow series is about the gift of the Holy Spirit and that children will know the Holy Spirit as a friend too. God send us the Holy Spirit as a gift, to encourage us, lead us, and inspire us. Just like on the day of Pentecost, He wants to fill us and give us the courage to share Jesus with others. John 14:26 - But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like me who sets you free, He will teach you all things in My name. And He will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you. (TPT)

Children can also know that God speaks to us through the Holy Spirit and He directs our thoughts or gives us an idea. They are real words and thoughts, even though your ears can't hear them. It's also important to know that the voice of God, we are trying to hear will never go against what God has said in the Bible.

May you as a family have a deeper experience with the Holy Spirit, as you acknowledge Him in your lives, to be encourage and to be inspired by Him.

FAMILY TIME!

Activity:

Need:

- glass or cup
- Jug of water
- Bucket

Explain to your children we are going to do an experiment to show that we need to be open, for the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. The cup is our lives and the jug of water is the Holy Spirit. (put the cup upside down in the bucket). When we do not open our hearts for the Holy Spirit to live through us, it will get messy. (pour the water over the cup) But if we really want the Holy to be part of our lives we need to be open to be filled by Him (put cup the right way up in bucket and pour the water into the cup) So when we ask the Holy Spirit to come and lead us, He will fill us with the courage we need and inspire us to do God's will. (pour till the cup over flows) Then we can be led by the Holy Spirit and share Jesus with others.

A big part of being led by the Holy Spirit is obedience to the little and big things in God's Word, that means to be a doer of God's word. He wants to lead us through every single thing in life.

TALK ABOUT IT

It is easy for us to be distracted by the "noise" in our lives. We may want to hear God speak, but are we willing to listen?

Talk about some ways God is speaking to us through the Holy Spirit:

- When someone's name is on our mind. Maybe God is encouraging us to pray for the person.
- When you have a strong feeling about something. It might be that God is directing us in the way we should (or shouldn't) go.
- When a Bible verse comes to mind. God may be encouraging you to do what that Bible verse says, or He might be bringing you peace or courage through it.

Questions:

- Are we taking time to read the Bible?
- Are we spending time with Him in prayer?
- Are we willing to obey what God says?
- Are we ready to be led by the Holy Spirit?

Family Prayer Time:

Read this scripture together and everyone can share what it means for your lives today. 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

Pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be part of your lives. (one person can pray and the others repeat after them)

Thank You Father God that we have the strength and power of You in us through the Holy Spirit, who is waiting to lead us through life.

Thank You that I have the mind of Christ. Please use my intellect to Your glory and help me to live like Jesus lived, by only doing those things that You would have me to do. I want to live in spirit and truth, for Your glory. In Jesus name I pray.

AMEN