



# Lesson Four

## Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

### Heart Preparation & Bible Background

The Bible teaches that God is one God in three Persons—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. All three share the same nature, and God is all three Persons at the same time!

If the mystery of the Trinity is impossible for us to fully grasp, how can we present it to young, concrete thinkers? For starters, you do not have to teach them everything the Bible says all at once. Teach little ones a few basic Bible truths about God and restate them often. As they grow, more will be added to this foundation to help young believers develop in their understanding of God and what it means to be his child and grow in his family.

This lesson is about God the Holy Spirit, and you want your children to begin to take hold of important truths about him and what he does in their lives.

Teach them that Jesus promised his disciples that one day the Spirit would come. And after Jesus returned to heaven, God the Holy Spirit came to earth. He came to change the hearts of people, help them trust in Jesus as Savior, make them obedient and courageous, lead them, comfort them, and teach them how to be in the family of God, growing stronger day by day.

Emphasize to your impressionable children that we cannot believe in Jesus and obey him in our own power. It is the Holy Spirit who gives us new hearts and makes us love and praise God as we should. And even though we cannot see him, the Spirit is right there with each member of God's family, speaking to each heart, transforming each life.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you as you talk to your children, help you to love them, and be responsive to their needs. Thank God for sending his Spirit, and pray that each child will receive him and depend on him.



#### Bible Truth

*The Holy Spirit helps God's children remember and obey the words of Jesus.*

#### Scripture

*John 14*



#### Lesson Focus

*God wants his children to depend on the Holy Spirit.*

#### Goals for the Children

- Name at least one way that the Holy Spirit helps God's children.
- Begin to learn the fruit of the Spirit.
- Ask for the Holy Spirit's help.



#### Memory Minute

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
Galatians 5:22a*