thing is that when we tell people about Jesus, the Holy Spirit will use our words to then go and change people's hearts. He uses us in his great plan to make a new creation!

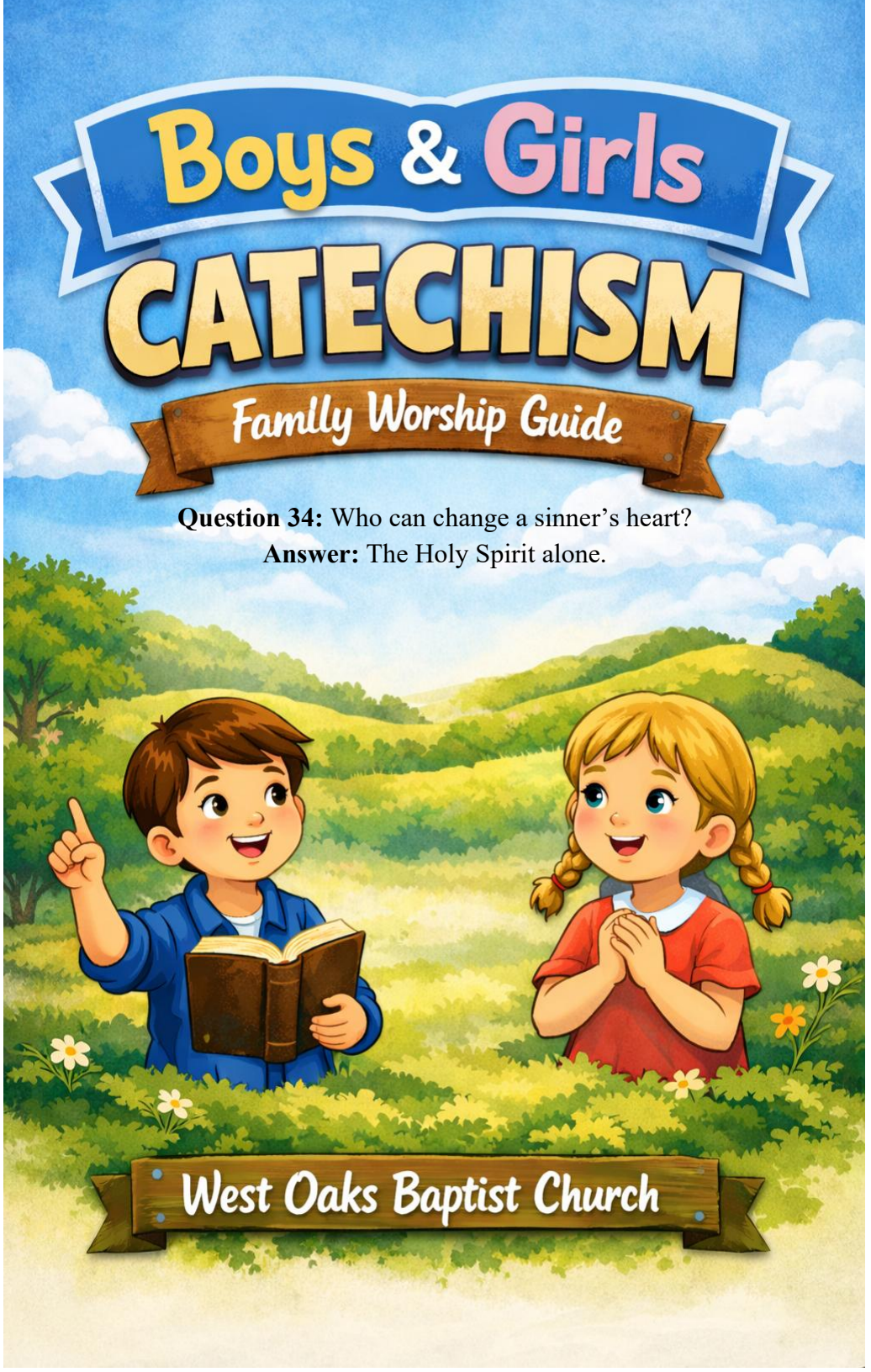
Question : Who can you share about Jesus with? Do you trust God to use your words?
Prayer Point : Pray that God would give you boldness to tell people about Jesus and faith to believe he will cause others to believe.

Day 5 – The Holy Spirit continues to change us

Scripture – John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

The Holy Spirit is the one who changes sinners' hearts. He can and does do this because he is God himself. If you believe in Jesus, then the Holy Spirit has changed your heart as well! But that isn't all. The Holy Spirit doesn't do the work of giving you a new heart and then leave you to figure out the rest. He will finish the job he began in you. *Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*. Just as you needed the Holy Spirit to save you, you also need him to continue to save and sanctify you. That is how you will be able to become more and more like Jesus. Jesus wanted to make sure you understand the Holy Spirit's purpose in your life. He taught us in John 14 that the Holy Spirit *dwells in you and will be in you.* Notice how he ***is*** in you and ***will be*** in you. The Holy Spirit will never leave those he has begun to save. He will help you to fight sin, to love Jesus, and to live for him.

Question : If the Holy Spirit is the one who sanctifies you, what part do you play?
Prayer Point : Pray that God would help you to repent from sin each day and to strive to love and follow Jesus.



Day 1 – The Holy Spirit gives New Life

Scripture – Ezekiel 37:13-14 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live,"

One of the most vivid pictures of being born again is found in Ezekiel chapter 37. Here God gives Ezekiel a vision of an ancient battlefield where many people have died and decayed so that only their dry bones remain. God then tells Ezekiel to prophesy to these bones. When Ezekiel speaks the bones come back together and are covered with flesh. They now have the appearance of people, yet they aren't alive. Finally, God tells Ezekiel to prophesy again and this time a great wind blows and fills the dead bodies with breath so that they come back to life. The wind that Ezekiel sees coming upon the dead to give them life is a picture of the Holy Spirit. What Ezekiel sees in his dream is a representation of what happens when God gives new spiritual life to sinners. That new life, the New Birth, is only accomplished by the Holy Spirit of God. Paul speaks about the New Birth in this way. *Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit*. Only the Holy Spirit can change a sinners heart.

Question : Why do you think God gave this vision to Ezekiel instead of just saying, "The Holy Spirit will change your heart"?
Prayer Point : Thank God for sending his Holy Spirit to change our hearts.

Day 2 – The Holy Spirit is God

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

We need new hearts! We are all sinners and our hearts are stained by the guilt of our own sin. We must be born again. Just like the dry bones needed a miracle to come back to life, we need a miracle to have new spiritual life. That miracle can only be accomplished by the Holy Spirit. But why? The reason comes back to who the Holy Spirit is. The Holy Spirit is God. Paul talks about this when he writes to the Corinthian church. He tells them that their bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit. Remember that the Temple was a building in which God himself would dwell with his people. This means that when Paul calls our bodies the temple of the Holy Spirit he is saying that the Holy Spirit is God. Only God dwells in God's temple! The Bible teaches us there is one God who exists in three persons, the Father, the Son, and The Holy Spirit. While people have often thought of the Holy Spirit as an impersonal force or a lesser extension of God, we must never forget that the Holy Spirit is God himself. Only God can forgive our sins and give us new hearts!

Question : How does that make you feel to realize the Holy Spirit dwells in you, and He is God?
Prayer Point : Helps us to remember that the Holy Spirit is God in us, and to live in such a way that honors him.

Day 3 – The Holy Spirit is Creator

Scripture – 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

We all need new hearts just like the dry bones of Ezekiel's vision needed new life. Only the Holy Spirit can change our hearts from those that hate God into those that love him and seek to honor him. This is because the Holy Spirit is God. Why is it that only God can change us like this? Because he is our creator! The Bible helps us see that when we are saved we become new creatures. We are part of the new creation. If we are new creatures, in a new creation, then who will be our creator? The only possible creator of the new creation is the same one who made the first creation. God is the one and only creator. Job speaks of God as creator. *Job 33:4 The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life*. Notice that he not only identifies God as creator, but he highlights that God the Spirit is the one who gives life! The Holy Spirit, who made all things in six days, has the wisdom, power, and authority to make you again. Just as he made all things very good in the first creation, he will not fail to make you very good in the new creation.

Question : Do you trust the Holy Spirit to make you a new creation in Christ?
Prayer Point : Pray that God would save you, your family, and your friends.

Day 4 – The Holy Spirit uses us

Scripture – Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Only the Holy Spirit can change a sinner's heart. He can do this because he is God. He is the one who created all things and he is the one who will make us new creatures in his new creation. Amazingly God gives us a part to play. Think again about Ezekiel's vision of the dry bones. God didn't just show Ezekiel how he would make them alive again. Instead he told Ezekiel to prophesy to the bones. That's like telling him to preach a sermon to the bones. Only when Ezekiel spoke did God then give them life. God didn't do this because he needed Ezekiel to do his part. God has both power and authority to work apart from Ezekiel's words. Yet God chose to give Ezekiel a part to play. He does the same thing for us. God instructs each of us to share the gospel. We are to talk about Jesus with our family, our friends, and others we meet along the way. The wonderful…