



Impact Kids Spring 2026 Older Kids Leader Guide

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next steps
in DISCIPLESHIP

Spiritual Gifts- God gives each of us different gifts to use for Him. Even though our gifts are different, we all serve the same God and work together as one team. 1 Corinthians 12:4-5
Bible- **Feb 11**- John 14:15-31, 16:5-15 The Holy Spirit can live in us.
Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:4-5



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



Spiritual Gifts-
Leader Devos

Memory Verse Mania

We'll focus on one key Bible verse connected to what we're learning in Impact Kids. Kids will have a chance to memorize it, live, and share it.

Memory Verses:

Psalm 119:105, 1 Corinthians 12:4-5,
John 15:5, Ephesians 6:13

Bonus: Eph 6:10, Psalm 23:1, Matt 6:9-13, Psalm 100:2, Favorite Verse and extra bonus

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM
4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM
K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM
4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Opening Game:

Supplies:

- Bible
- large box
- wrapping paper
- tape
- heart stickers
- pens

Easy Prep

- Wrap the large box in such a way that you can still open the top. You will add to the gift box weekly for the next 4 weeks.

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Today we're going to start learning about spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts are special skills God gives everyone who loves Jesus. The first thing we need to learn about is the source of spiritual gifts—where do we get them? We get them when the Holy Spirit lives in us, which happens when we believe in Jesus.

- Distribute a heart sticker to each child.
- Have kids write their names on their heart stickers and then stick the hearts inside the box.
- You'll continue to add to the gift box for several weeks, so leave it in the room.

Share

- Tell kids where you would live if you could live anywhere.
- Have kids form pairs. Ask kids to share where they would live if they could live anywhere.
- After partners have shared, ask two or three kids to share with the whole group.

Summarize

Open a Bible to 1 Corinthians 12, and say: It's fun to imagine such neat places to live. The Holy Spirit has a special place to live—the Holy Spirit can live in us. Let's find out more about the Holy Spirit from the Bible. One way the Holy Spirit reveals himself to us is through the Bible. He's ready to talk to you right now. Let's pray and listen.

Pray, inviting the Holy Spirit to come.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “Andy’s X-Ray”

Say: Today we’re learning that the Holy Spirit can live in us.

Ask: • What do you think that means?

Say: Thanks for sharing what you think it means. You certainly seem to be more on the right track than our friend Andy!

Watch “Andy’s X-Ray.”

Ask: • Why isn’t the Holy Spirit something you can see on an X-ray?

• Cammie explained that the Holy Spirit is “the presence of God that’s always with us.” How does that help you understand the Holy Spirit?

Say: Despite what Andy thought, you can’t see the Holy Spirit in an X-ray. But that doesn’t make him any less real! When we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in us. We can’t see him on an X-ray, but we can see him by how he helps us live right and comforts us when we’re upset.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- pompoms (several per child)
- lightly scented lotion or hand sanitizer
- soft sound effects such as rain or ocean waves
- music player
- picture of a stop sign*
- eyeglasses*

Easy Prep

- Hide pompoms around the room.

Set It Up

Say: We’re learning that the Holy Spirit can live in us. When we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in us! But usually when someone first becomes friends with Jesus, it might not feel like a magical moment. You may not have felt a whoosh or a tingle when the Holy Spirit came to live in you. Think about Spider-Man. Spider-Man was a regular guy who was bitten by a radioactive spider. And right away, he had all these cool superpowers. He felt different, and he could do different things. So if the Holy Spirit lives in us, why doesn’t it feel like that? Why don’t we feel any different? Let’s dig in to that.

Deeper Bible: cont

Go on a Hunt

Say: Since we'll explore how to look for the Holy Spirit in our lives, let's practice looking for things. Have kids search for pom-poms around the room.

As they search, turn on soft sound effects at a very low volume—just barely loud enough to hear. Also as they search, put scented lotion or hand sanitizer on your hands.

After kids have found the pom-poms, turn off the music and gather the kids.

Ask: • How was looking for the pom-poms like looking for the Holy Spirit in your life? How was it different?

• As you were looking for the pom-poms, what did you hear? smell?

Say: Many of you might not have noticed the smell of my lotion or the sound of rain because you were focused on looking for the pom-poms.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit can be like that. We get so focused on looking for him in a specific way—a feeling—that we miss out on seeing him work in other ways.

The Holy Spirit can work by giving us certain feelings. But that's not all he does! Maybe he's at work in your life, but you just haven't noticed it!

Dig Deeper

Hold up the stop sign picture.

Read John 16:8.

Say: We learned that the Holy Spirit convicts us. When you get that feeling, impression, or voice in your head that says you're doing something wrong, that's the Holy Spirit in you!

Ask kids to share stories of how they've experienced the Holy Spirit's conviction. Begin with your own example.

Read Romans 8:9. **Say:** When the Holy Spirit lives in us, he helps control what we do by showing us sin in our lives.

Hold up the eyeglasses.

Read John 16:13-14.

Say: We also learned that the Holy Spirit guides us.

Ask: • Tell about a time you did something because it just seemed like the right thing to do, but you couldn't really explain why. Begin with your own example, such as a time you took a different route to work or stopped to talk to someone you didn't plan to talk to.

Say: When the Holy Spirit guides us, sometimes we do things and we're not always sure why. We might feel a pull to help someone. When you experience that, it could be the sound of the Holy Spirit in your life! The sounds that came on during our hunt were pretty soft, but they were there. We can learn to tune in and listen for the Holy Spirit guiding us. The Bible tells us how you can help people experience the Holy Spirit!

Read Romans 12:7.

Ask: • Tell about a time you served God. Share your own example first—maybe teaching this class!

Have kids put a little bit of the scented lotion or hand sanitizer on their hands.

Say: When we do things to serve God, we're using our spiritual gifts! We have spiritual gifts when the Holy Spirit lives in us. When you leave today, you'll still smell like the lotion you just put on. And other people may smell it on you! That's kind of like how using your spiritual gifts helps other people experience the Holy Spirit.

Read Ephesians 1:13.

Say: So there may not be a magical feeling when the Holy Spirit lives in us. But we can be confident he's there when we believe in Jesus, and we can look for what he's doing in our lives.

Memory Verse Mania:

Supplies:

- Leader Tracking Sheets (1 set per group in leader folder)
- Memory Verse Mania Instruction Page (1 per leader in leader folder)
- Memory Verse Posters (1 copy for each kid)
- beach ball or other soft ball (1 per group- you can use any classroom object in place of a ball. If you have multiple groups, make sure all groups get the same type of item.)

Explain Memory Verse Mania

Say: This Spring Impact Kids groups will be taking a Memory Verse Challenge called Memory Verse Mania. In this challenge, each week we will practice the verse. If you think you have it memorized before we practice, leaders will take time during Family Table to listen to you and mark on their Leader Tracking Sheets. Then on Feb 4, Mar 4, Mar 11, and April 29 you will get the chance to win a prize in our drawing. On May 6, we will celebrate everyone who memorized all the verses. If you can do it, we will share other verses from our lessons in the Fall to add to your memory banks. Storing God's Word in our hearts, helps us in the future. Are you ready to take the challenge? Here is your chance to practice the verse for this week. (Send Posters home with kids- if kids already have a poster, there is no need to send more home.)

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Memory Verse Mania cont.

Think Creatively

Say: Today we've read in the Bible about the Holy Spirit and unique things the Holy Spirit does in our lives. Let's learn a Bible verse that can help us understand more of what this means for each of us. The Bible is made up of different kinds of writing from different times in history. This verse comes from a section in the New Testament, in the book of 1 Corinthians, and was written as a letter to the people who lived in a place called Corinth.

First Corinthians 12:4-5 says, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord."

Lead kids in saying the verse a couple of times.

Ask: • What's something you have that has many uses? Give an example, such as how your phone can communicate with others, look things up online, take pictures, and be a flashlight.

Say: We can think of things that have multiple uses. Let's explore this idea a bit more with a game.

Have everyone gather in a circle, and introduce the ball.

Say: This is one ball, but it can have many uses. We can even imagine that it's many different things. Let's imagine things this ball could be and act out our ideas so everyone can guess. For example... Pretend to peel the ball and eat it like it's an orange. Have kids guess what you're doing.

- Give everyone time to think creatively and come up with something to act out with the ball. (If you have more than 10 kids, form small groups, each with their own ball and an adult or teen helper to guide the group.)
- Give each child a turn to act out something with the ball and allow guesses.
- Between each turn, refer to the Bible Verse Poster and guide everyone in repeating after you as you read the Bible verse, one phrase at a time.

Talk About It

Ask: • How can one ball have so many uses?

• Our verse says that there's one Holy Spirit but he gives many different gifts. How does the ball remind you of that?

Say: We had one ball, but there are so many possibilities. That's like what the Bible verse tells us about how there are different kinds of spiritual gifts—loads of possibilities—but the same Spirit is the source of them all. The Holy Spirit can live in us, and that one Spirit can give each of us unique spiritual gifts.

Activity Page with a Point

Supplies Needed:

- Activity Page
- colored pencils
- crayons

Pass out activity pages and supplies.

SAY: Jesus taught his friends about how the Holy Spirit can live in us. That's amazing! When the Holy Spirit lives in us, he reveals things to us and helps us see more clearly. Kind of like this!

Distribute the activity pages and colored pencils. Ask kids what they think the picture is. Then kids will color by number to see the image.

Ask: • As you were coloring, when did the picture become clearer?

• How could coloring in this picture remind you of the way the Holy Spirit shows us things about God?

This is a thinking question, so allow time for kids to process and make discoveries.

Say: Coloring in this picture made it brighter, but it also made it clearer! Sometimes we have questions about faith. It's hard to know what's true—like it was hard to know what this picture was at first. But the Holy Spirit can live in us and helps us see more clearly.

ANSWER KEY:

