



Pathway Kids Spring 2026

Leader Guide

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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 9**- John 14:15-31, 16:5-15 The Holy Spirit can live in us.



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Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Snack: 6:30 PM – 6:45 PM
Outside Play: 6:45 PM- 7:15 PM
Small Group: 7:20 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Opening Game:

Supplies:

- Bibles
- large wrapped gift box with removable lid (1 per group for next 4 weeks)
- paper crosses (1 per child)
- crayons

Welcome

- Thank kids for coming.
- Introduce new kids.

Introduce the Lesson

Say: Today we'll find out that God gives us special gifts or talents. Show the gift box.

Say: God can give us special gifts because the Holy Spirit can live in us. The Holy Spirit is God with us. Show a paper cross. This cross reminds me of Jesus. We'll put the cross in our gift box to remember that Jesus is with us and gives us special gifts.

- Give each child a cross as you say: God is with [child's name]. Encourage kids to write their names or draw pictures on their crosses.
- Lead kids to place their crosses in the gift box. Say: It's a gift that God's with us and that he gives us special talents we can use to love him and others!

Share

Say: Since we're learning that the Holy Spirit can live in us, let's share about fun places we could live. Would you rather live in a treehouse, in a castle, or on a boat? Share where you'd rather live and why.

- Have kids share where they'd rather live and why.
- After small groups have discussed, have adult or teen helpers share with the whole group what they talked about in their small groups.

Summarize

Open a Bible, and say: Each of those places could be fun to live. Today we're learning where God's Spirit lives—he lives in us when we believe in him! That might sound weird, but don't worry. We'll learn more about what this means today!

Pray, thanking God that the Holy Spirit can live in us. Keep the gift box for future weeks on spiritual gifts.

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

Talk About Being Alone

Say: We don’t always like to be alone.

Share about a time you didn’t like to be alone. Maybe it was your first day at a new school, when your car broke down in a different town, or when your roommate was out of town.

Ask: • Tell me about a time you didn’t like being alone. Kids may say when they got lost in the park, their first day of preschool, or when they had a bad dream.

Say: Today we’re learning that the Holy Spirit can live in us. When we’re friends with God, he’s always with us, even though we can’t see him. That means we’re never really alone. Let’s play a game to see what that’s like.

Deeper Bible: cont

Stand With a Partner

Have kids each choose a partner and spread out around the room so they're standing facing their partners, about an arm's-length apart. Ask kids to close their eyes. If possible, dim the lights.

Say: If you wake up in the middle of the night because there's a loud storm outside, you might feel alone. Encourage kids to reach out and hold their partners' hands, while still keeping their eyes closed.

Say: We couldn't see our friends, but when we reached out our hands, they were right there. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we can remember that he's always right there to take care of us when we're afraid.

Have kids each find a new partner and stand close, as before. Ask kids to close their eyes again.

Say: If you go to a new school or a new class at church and you don't know anyone, you might feel alone. Encourage kids to reach out and hold their partners' hands, while still keeping their eyes closed.

Say: Again, we can't see our friends, but when we reached out our hands, they were right there. Even though we can't see the Holy Spirit, we never have to feel alone, because he's always there with us. Lead kids to each find another partner and stand close, as before. Ask kids to close their eyes again.

Say: What if you just did the monkey bars by yourself for the first time, but your mom was pushing your brother on the swings? You might feel sad that there wasn't anyone there to celebrate with you. Encourage kids to reach out and hold their partners' hands, while still keeping their eyes closed.

Say: Like our friends are there even though we can't see them, the Holy Spirit is always there, too. And when we're happy, he celebrates with us!

Talk About the Holy Spirit

Say: When we know the Holy Spirit is with us, we're never really alone. The Bible says the Holy Spirit reminds us of God's love. Listen to this. Read aloud Romans 5:5.

Say: The Holy Spirit can live in us, and he fills our hearts with God's love. So we never have to feel alone, no matter where we are.

Memory Verse:

“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

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 Purpose

Supplies Needed:

- Activity/Color Page
- colored pencils
- crayons

Pass out the coloring pages and supplies.

SAY: Today we're exploring how the Holy Spirit can live in us. Jesus told his friends all about that. Let's color Jesus talking to his friend Peter.

Allow time for kids to color.