

Growing Together

The First Christians 6:
The Holy Spirit helps us.

Bible Story

God sends the Holy Spirit.
(Acts 2:1-41)

Bible Verse

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere” (Acts 1:8a).

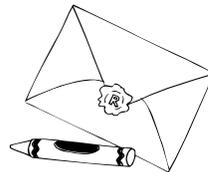
In Touch

This week your child learned that God sent the Holy Spirit to the early believers. The children learned that the Holy Spirit enabled the believers to tell others about Jesus. They also learned that the Holy Spirit helps us, too, and that we can receive the Holy Spirit by believing in Jesus and repenting. Use the ideas at home to reinforce your child’s understanding of the Holy Spirit.

Three-in-One Twist

Make these yummy pretzel twists to remind your child that God is three in one: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Dissolve 1 tablespoon of yeast in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of warm water. Add 1 teaspoon of honey and 1 teaspoon of salt. Stir. Add $1\frac{1}{3}$ cup of flour. Stir. Knead. Roll pieces into long lengths, and then form into a pretzel shape with three twists in the middle. Brush with a beaten egg. Sprinkle with salt. Bake for 10 minutes at 425 degrees.

Signed, Sealed, Delivered



Read Ephesians 1:13-14 with your child. Together, write a letter to a friend or family member, telling him or her about Jesus. Seal the letter with melted crayon or sealing wax. While the wax is firm but still pliable, press your child’s initial into it with a toothpick. Remind your child that when someone believes in Jesus, God identifies that person as his own by giving the Holy Spirit to live in him or her, too!

Role Model

Use modeling dough to make models of yourself and your child. While you work, talk about the different roles you have: parent, worker, son or daughter, cousin, friend, and so on. Ask your child to list all his or her roles. Explain that we all have different roles. A mommy can still be a friend to another lady, and a little girl can still be a daughter and a cousin at the same time, just as a little boy can be somebody’s son and somebody’s brother, too. We can understand God in a similar way. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He’s three in one. He didn’t stop being God to be Jesus or stop being Jesus to live in our hearts as the Holy Spirit. Read Matthew 28:19 to remember what we are to do now that we believe!

Stormy Weather

The next time there is a storm, watch the weather together! Then read 1 Kings 19:11-12. Remind your child that God’s Holy Spirit more often speaks to us in a gentle whisper than in a loud clap of thunder. Pray with your child that each of you would get better and better at listening for God’s still, small voice.