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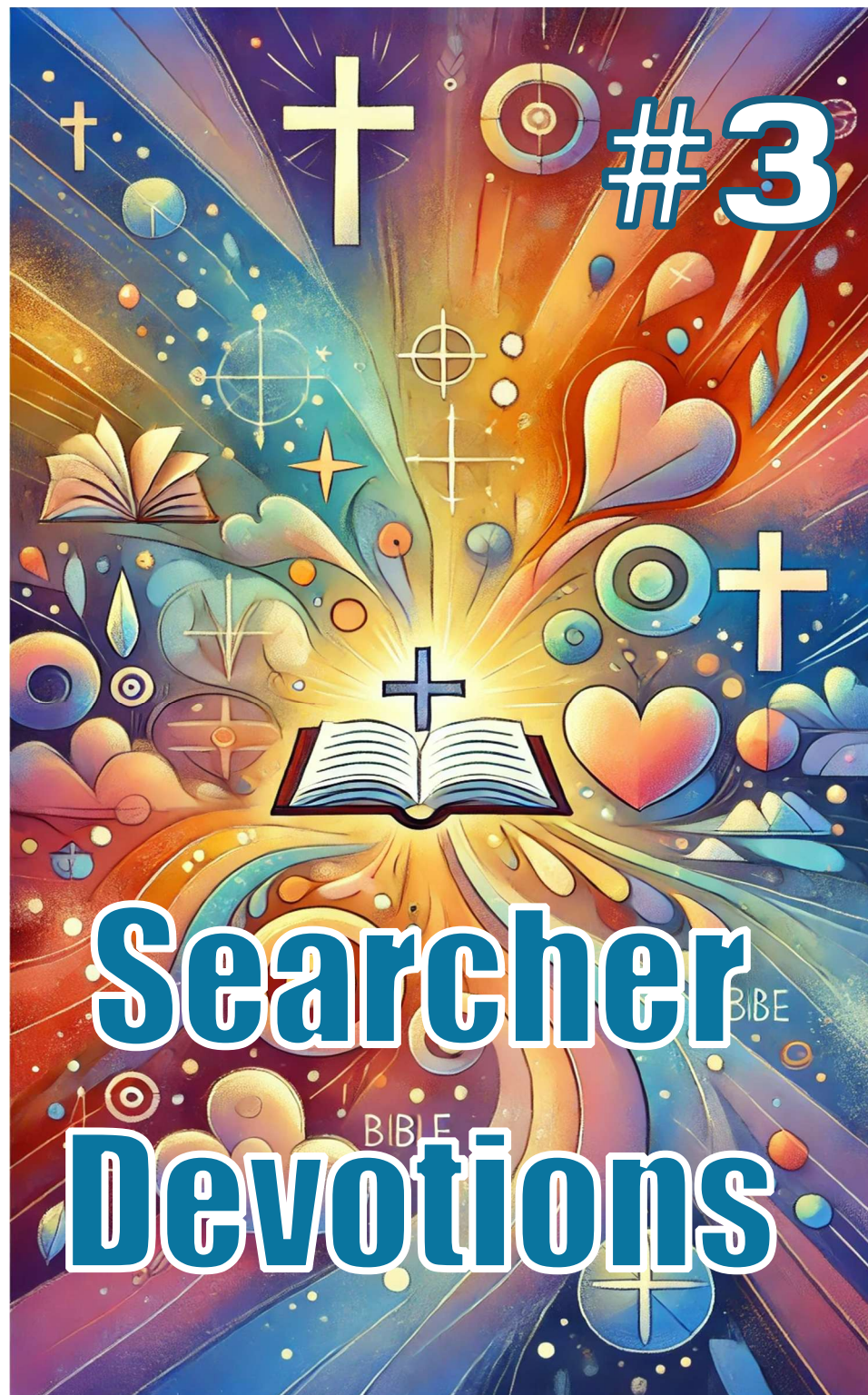


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How to Use...

Why Daily Devotions Matter

- **Spiritual Growth** – It helps children develop a strong foundation in God’s Word.
- **Family Connection** – It creates a dedicated time for meaningful conversation and bonding.
- **Moral Guidance** – It provides wisdom and direction for making godly choices.
- **Prayer Habit** – It teaches children to rely on God in all circumstances.

By making family devotions a daily priority, parents can instill lifelong faith habits in their children and create a home centered on God’s Word.

Parents Using Family Devotional Effectively

Here’s a simple guide for parents on how to incorporate devotionals into everyday life:

1. Set a Consistent Time

- Choose a time that works best for your family’s schedule—morning, mealtime, or bedtime.
- Consistency helps make devotionals a habit, creating a special routine for your family.
- Start with follow-up what was learned before and how it was applied.

2. Read the Bible Verse Together

- Discuss what the verse means in simple terms and how it applies to everyday life.

3. Engage with the Devotional Story

- Read the short story or example provided.
- Relate the story to real-life situations your child may encounter.

4. Make the Faith Connection

- Help children understand how the Bible connects to their lives.
- Explain how Scripture reveals God’s love, guidance, and His plan for salvation.
- Encourage them to see the Bible as more than just words—it’s a message from God.

5. Discuss It

- Use Discussion question to deepen what we learn.

6. Pray Together

- Use the provided prayer or let each family member pray in their own words.

7. Application to our lives

- Encourage your child to put what they’ve learned into action

Giving with Joy

Bible Verse

"Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce." – Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)

Story

Noah’s church was collecting money to help families in need. After giving his **tithe**, he saw a special offering box for the fundraiser. He thought, *I already gave my tithe, but I want to help more!* He put in some of his extra money with a big smile.

That night, during family devotions, Noah’s dad read **Proverbs 3:9**, which teaches us to **honor God with our giving**.

Noah tilted his head. “I already gave my **tithe**—what was the extra money called?”

“That was an **offering!**” Mom said. “A **tithe** is the first **one-tenth** of what we earn, but an **offering** is a **gift we give beyond the tithe** as an act of **worship and devotion to God.**”

Dad added, “And speaking of **worship**, do you know why we **worship on Sunday?**”

Noah shook his head.

“We worship on **Sunday** because that’s the day **Jesus rose from the dead!**”

Mom explained. “In the Old Testament, people rested on the **Sabbath (Saturday)**, but when Jesus came, **He fulfilled the Sabbath**, and believers started worshiping on **Resurrection Sunday.**”

Noah grinned. “So, when we **give offerings** and **worship on Sunday**, we’re **honoring God** in different ways?”

“Exactly!” Dad said. “Giving to God and worshiping together **show our love and devotion to Him.**”

Faith Connection

Tithes and offerings are different—the tithe is the first one-tenth of what we earn, and offerings are extra gifts we give to God in worship and devotion. Christians worship on Sunday because Jesus rose from the dead on that day, fulfilling the Sabbath. Giving and worshiping are ways to honor God!

Discuss It Why do you think **God wants us to give offerings** beyond the tithe? How does **worshiping on Sunday** remind us of **Jesus’ resurrection**?

Prayer Dear God, thank You for blessing me so I can **give back to You**. Help me to be **generous in my offerings** and to **worship You with all my heart** every Sunday. Amen.

Live It This week, think about a **special offering you can give**—maybe at church or to help someone in need. On **Sunday**, take time to **thank Jesus for His resurrection** as you worship!

Giving Back to God

Bible Verse

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in!" ...- Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

Story

Emma's parents gave her **ten dollars** for doing chores. Excited, she started planning how to spend it. But before she could, her mom reminded her, "Remember, the **first** dollar belongs to God as a tithe."

Emma thought for a moment. "But why does God need my money?" That night, during family devotions, Emma's dad read **Malachi 3:10**, where God says to **bring the tithe (one-tenth of our income) to His house** to support the Church.

Emma tilted her head. "So, tithing helps the Church take care of people and share about Jesus?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "The **tithe belongs to God** and helps **pastors, missionaries, and ministries** reach more people."

Dad added, "Did you know that **Abraham was the first person in the Bible to pay tithes?** He gave them to **Melchizedek, a priest of God.**"

Emma smiled. "So, tithing isn't just a rule—it's a way to **thank God and support His work?**"

"Exactly," Mom said. "When we **put God first**, He blesses us and helps the Church grow."

Faith Connection

The tithe is one-tenth of our income, and it belongs to God to support the Church's ministry. Abraham was the first to tithe, giving to Melchizedek, a priest of God. When we **give back to God**, we trust Him to **provide and bless us!**

Discuss It

Why do you think God asks us to **give one-tenth (the tithe)** of our income? How does tithing help the **Church grow and reach more people?**

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for blessing me. Help me to **give with a joyful heart**, knowing that my tithe **honors You and helps the Church.** Amen.

Live It

This week, if you **earn money** (from chores, gifts, or allowance), **set aside one-tenth for God.** Bring your **tithe to church** and thank Him for providing for you!

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Living for Jesus (Matthew 7:12; Philippians 1:21)

- 385: QQ The Golden Rule teaches us to treat others the way we would like to be treated.
- 386: QQ A Christian's attitude toward life and death is to live for Christ and see death as gain because it means being with Him.

Kindly and Respectful (Proverbs 15:1)

- 387: QQ Proverbs advises us to use gentle words to avoid stirring up anger.
- 388: We should respect and obey teachers, police officers, and other authorities because their authority comes from God.

Praying and Respectful (Hebrews 13:17)

- 389: We should respect and obey our church leaders because they are responsible to God for guiding us spiritually.
- 390: Intercession is praying to God on behalf of someone else.

Praying for Us (Romans 8:26)

- 391: Both the Holy Spirit and Jesus intercede for Christians.
- 392: Our main weakness in prayer is not knowing what God wants us to pray for.

Making Right Choices (2 Corinthians 6:14)

- 393: Christians should not marry someone who is not a believer because God's Word says not to team up with unbelievers.
- 394: It is not a sin to be tempted; sin happens only when we give in to temptation.

Recognizing Temptation (1 John 2:16)

- 395: The three common temptations are craving for physical pleasure, craving for everything we see, and pride in achievements and possessions.
- 396: The three main sources of temptation are the devil, the world, and our own desires.

Called to the Ministry

Bible Verse

"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." – 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

Story

Liam's church had a **missionary guest speaker** who shared how he felt **called by God** to serve in another country. "The Holy Spirit put a special desire in my heart to share Jesus with people far away," the missionary explained.

That night, during family devotions, Liam's dad read about the **call to ministry**. "When someone feels **a calling to ministry, it means the Holy Spirit impresses on their heart to serve in a special way**—as a pastor, missionary, teacher, or another role in the Church."

Liam tilted his head. "So, not everyone is called to be a pastor, but some people are?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "God calls **each of us** to serve in different ways, but some people are **called to full-time ministry**."

Dad added, "And do you know how the **Church continues its ministry**? It's supported by **tithes and offerings**—the money people give to **help pastors, missionaries, and church programs**."

Liam smiled. "So, when people **give tithes and offerings**, they're helping the Church **do God's work**?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "Giving **helps the Church grow and reach more people for Jesus**."

Faith Connection

A calling to ministry means the Holy Spirit places a desire in someone's heart to serve God in a special way. The Church is supported by tithes and offerings given by the people it ministers to, which help pastors, missionaries, and ministries continue their work. When we serve and give, we help build God's kingdom!

Discuss It

How do you think God calls people to **serve in ministry**? Why is it important to **support the Church** through giving?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for calling people to **serve in ministry**. Help me to listen to Your voice and follow Your plan. Teach me to **give with a cheerful heart** so Your Church can grow. Amen.

Live It This week, **pray for pastors, missionaries, and church leaders**. Also, think of a way you can **give—whether through money, time, or service—to help your church grow!**

Prayer and Ministers

Bible Verse

"He said to them, 'The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations.'"... – Mark 11:17 (NLT)

Story

Mia loved visiting her grandma's house. "It's always warm, welcoming, and full of love," she said. "I know I can talk to Grandma about anything!"

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **Mark 11:17**, where Jesus said that **God's house is meant to be a house of prayer.**

Mia tilted her head. "So, church is supposed to be a place where we **talk to God?**"

"Yes!" Mom said. "God wants His **Church to be a place of prayer**, where people **seek Him, worship Him, and bring their needs to Him.**"

Dad continued, "And do you know who helps Christians **grow and learn about God? Ministers!** The **Bible says that God gives ministers to the Church to help people grow in faith and equip them to serve others.**"

Mia smiled. "So, church is where we **pray, grow in faith, and learn how to help others?**"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "When we **pray together and learn from our leaders**, we grow stronger in Jesus and help build His Church."

Faith Connection

Jesus said that **God's house is a house of prayer**—a place where people come to **worship and talk to God**. God also **gives ministers** to the Church to **help Christians grow in faith and equip them to serve others**. When we **pray and learn together**, we help build a strong Church!

Discuss It

Why do you think Jesus called the Church a **house of prayer**? How do ministers and church leaders help Christians **grow and serve others**?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for giving us **the Church as a house of prayer**. Help me to **pray more and grow in my faith**, and bless the ministers who teach and guide us. Amen.

Live It

This week, spend **extra time in prayer** at church or home. Also, **thank a pastor, teacher, or leader** for helping you grow in faith. Remember, **church is a place for prayer and growth!**

Living for Jesus

Bible Verse

"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you." – Matthew 7:12
"For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better." – Philippians 1:21 (NLT)

Story

Noah and his friend Liam were playing soccer at recess when Liam accidentally kicked the ball too hard and hit Noah in the arm. "Sorry!" Liam said.

Noah rubbed his arm. He felt upset but remembered something his parents had taught him—**treat others the way you want to be treated**. "It's okay," Noah said with a smile. "I know it was an accident."

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read from **Matthew 7:12**, where Jesus gave **the Golden Rule: "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you."**

Noah grinned. "That's what I tried to do today with Liam!"

Mom smiled. "That's great! Jesus teaches us to **treat others with kindness, just like we'd want them to treat us.**"

Dad continued, "And when we live for Jesus, we also have a different view of life and death. Paul said that for a Christian, **living means serving Christ, but dying is gain because it means being with Him in heaven.**"

Noah tilted his head. "So, we don't have to be afraid of death because we'll be with Jesus?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "But while we're here, God wants us to **live for Him** and show His love to others."

Noah nodded. "So, following the **Golden Rule** and **living for Jesus** go hand in hand?"

"Yes," Dad said. "When we love others and put Jesus first, we live the way God wants us to."

Faith Connection Jesus taught the **Golden Rule**—to **treat others the way we want to be treated**. As Christians, we also **live for Jesus** and know that **being with Him in heaven is our greatest reward**. Living for Christ means showing His love to everyone around us!

Discuss It Why do you think Jesus gave us the **Golden Rule**? How does knowing we will be with Jesus in heaven help us live for Him today?

Prayer Dear Jesus, help me to **treat others with kindness and love**, just as You teach in the Golden Rule. Thank You for giving me **hope in heaven**, and help me live for You every day. Amen.

Live It This week, practice the **Golden Rule** by doing something kind for a friend or family member. Also, take a moment to **thank Jesus** that we can look forward to being with Him forever!

Kindly and Respectful

Bible Verse

"A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare." – Proverbs 15:1 (NLT)

Story Emma and her little brother, Max, were building a block tower when Max accidentally knocked it over. "Max! Why did you do that?" Emma shouted. Max looked sad. "I didn't mean to!"

Their mom walked in and said, "Emma, try using **gentle words** instead of yelling. It will help keep the peace instead of making things worse."

That night, during family devotions, Emma's dad read from **Proverbs 15:1: "A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare."**

Emma tilted her head. "So, the Bible says using gentle words can help stop arguments?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "When we **speak kindly**, it calms people down. But when we **use harsh words**, it can make things worse."

Dad continued, "And do you know another way to show kindness and respect? **By obeying those in authority. The Bible teaches that we should respect and obey teachers, police officers, and other leaders because their authority comes from God.**"

Max frowned. "Even when I don't like the rules?"

Mom nodded. "Yes. Unless they ask us to do something wrong, God wants us to respect and obey them."

Emma thought for a moment. "So, when I use **gentle words** and **respect authority**, I'm showing God's love?"

"Exactly," Dad said. "When we **speak kindly** and **obey our leaders**, we honor God and make life better for everyone."

Faith Connection The Bible teaches us to **use gentle words** instead of harsh ones to **avoid stirring up anger**. It also tells us to **respect and obey those in authority** because their leadership comes from God. When we follow these teachings, we show love and respect in our daily lives.

Discuss It Why do you think **gentle words** help in an argument? How does **respecting authority** show that we trust God's plan?

Prayer Dear God, help me to **speak with kindness** and **respect those in authority**. Teach me to follow Your ways so that I can bring peace and honor You in all I do. Amen.

Live It This week, if you feel upset, **pause and use gentle words** instead of harsh ones. Also, take time to **thank a teacher, police officer, or leader** for their work, showing respect for their authority.

Prayer and Mission

Bible Verse

"If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you." – Matthew 18:19 (NLT)

"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." – Mark 16:15

Story Liam and his soccer team were losing at halftime. Their coach gathered them together and said, "If we work **together**, we can turn this game around!" The team encouraged each other, and in the second half, they played better than ever!

That night, during family devotions, Liam's dad read **Matthew 18:19**, where **Jesus said that when believers agree in prayer, God hears and answers.**

Liam tilted his head. "So, praying together is more powerful than praying alone?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "**United prayer** is when believers **pray together and agree** on something, and the **Bible says God responds from heaven.**"

Dad continued, "And do you know what the **mission of the Church** is? **Jesus told His followers to preach the Good News to the world.**"

Liam grinned. "So, just like my soccer team had to **work together**, the **Church works together** to share Jesus with the world?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "When we **pray together** and **share the gospel**, we help **build God's kingdom.**"

Faith Connection

The Bible says that **united prayer has power**—when believers **agree in prayer**, God **hears and answers**. The **Church's mission** is to **preach the Good News** to the world. When we **pray together and share Jesus**, we help **bring more people to God's family!**

Discuss It

Why do you think **praying together** is so powerful? How can we help with the **Church's mission to share the Good News?**

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for the **power of prayer**. Help me to **pray with others** and to share the **Good News** with the world, just as You commanded. Amen.

Live It

This week, **pray with someone**—a friend, parent, or church leader—and **agree together** in prayer. Also, think of one way you can **share the Good News about Jesus** with someone who needs to hear it!

Jesus Builds His Church

Bible Verse

...*"I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."* –
Matthew 16:18 (NLT)

Story

Mia and her family were putting together a **giant puzzle**. "Each piece is different, but they all fit together to make a beautiful picture," Mia's dad said. That night, during family devotions, Mia's mom read **Matthew 16:18**, where Jesus said, **"I will build my Church."**

Mia tilted her head. "So, Jesus is the one building the Church?"

"Yes," Mom said. "And **the Bible describes the Church in three ways**:

1. **A Body** – Each Christian is like a part of the body, working together (1 Corinthians 12:27).
2. **A Building** – Jesus is the foundation, and we are like bricks making up God's house (Ephesians 2:20-22).
3. **A Bride** – The Church is like a bride, waiting for Jesus, who loves us completely (Revelation 19:7-8)."

Dad added, "Just like your puzzle pieces fit together, we all have an important part in the **Church, which Jesus is building.**"

Mia grinned. "So, Jesus is making the **Church strong and beautiful**, just like He planned?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "When we follow Jesus, we help **build His Church** and share His love with others."

Faith Connection

The Bible describes the **Church as a body, a building, and a bride**. Jesus is the **one who builds the Church**, bringing believers together and making them strong. Each of us has a **special part in God's plan** to share His love and grow His kingdom!

Discuss It

Why do you think the Bible describes the **Church as a body, a building, and a bride**? How can we **help Jesus build His Church** today?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for **building Your Church** and making me a part of it. Help me to work together with others and share Your love with the world. Amen.

Live It

This week, think of a way you can **help build Jesus' Church**—by **serving, encouraging someone, or telling a friend about Jesus**. Remember, **you are a piece of God's great plan!**

Praying and Respectful

Bible Verse

"Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God." ...– Hebrews 13:17 (NLT)

Story

Liam's Sunday School teacher, Mr. Carter, always reminded the class to pray for others. One day, Liam saw his teacher looking tired. That night, he prayed, "God, please help Mr. Carter feel better and have a good week."

That night, during family devotions, Liam's dad read **Hebrews 13:17**. **"The Bible says we should respect and obey our church leaders because they are responsible for guiding us spiritually."**

Liam tilted his head. "So, pastors and teachers are like coaches for our faith?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "God gives them the job of teaching us about Jesus and helping us grow in faith. **They work hard and need our prayers.**"

Dad added, "And that brings us to another important way we can help others—**intercession. That means praying to God on behalf of someone else.**"

Liam's eyes widened. "Like when I prayed for Mr. Carter?"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "When we **pray for others**, we are asking God to help them, just like Jesus prays for us."

Liam smiled. "So, I can show respect to my leaders by **listening to them and praying for them?**"

"Yes," Dad said. "That's a great way to honor God and help others!"

Faith Connection

The Bible tells us to **respect and obey our church leaders** because they **guide us spiritually** and are responsible to God. One way we can support them is through **intercession—praying on behalf of others**. When we pray for our leaders and those in need, we follow Jesus' example of caring for others.

Discuss It

Why do you think it's important to **respect and obey** church leaders? How can **interceding for others** help people who are struggling?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving us church leaders to help us grow in faith. Help me to respect and listen to them, and teach me to **pray for others** so that I can show love like Jesus. Amen.

Live It

This week, **pray for a church leader**—your pastor, Sunday School teacher, or another spiritual mentor. You can also **intercede for a friend or family member** by asking God to help them with something they need.

Praying for Us

Bible Verse

"And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words." – Romans 8:26 (NLT)

Story

Mia was trying to write a birthday card for her grandma, but she didn't know what to say. "I want it to be special, but I don't know the right words," she told her mom.

Her mom smiled. "That's okay! I can help you find the right words."

That night, during family devotions, ***Mia's dad read Romans 8:26, which says the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness to pray when we don't know what to say.***

Mia tilted her head. "So, the Holy Spirit helps us talk to God?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "Sometimes we don't know **what to pray for**, but the Holy Spirit **intercedes for us**—that means He prays on our behalf."

Dad added, "And do you know who else prays for us? **Jesus! The Bible says that both Jesus and the Holy Spirit intercede for Christians, helping us when we don't know how to pray.**"

Mia grinned. "So, just like Mom helped me find the right words for my card, **Jesus and the Holy Spirit help us when we pray?**"

"Exactly," Dad said. "God always knows what's best for us, and even when we don't have the right words, He still hears us."

Faith Connection

Sometimes, we **don't know what to pray for**, but the **Holy Spirit prays for us** and helps us talk to God. **Jesus also intercedes for us**, showing His great love for us. We don't have to be perfect at praying—**God helps us, listens, and understands!**

Discuss It

Why do you think we sometimes **struggle to know what to pray for**? How does it help to know that **Jesus and the Holy Spirit intercede for us**?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for always listening to my prayers, even when I don't know what to say. Thank You for **Jesus and the Holy Spirit, who pray for me** and help me follow Your will. Amen.

Live It The next time you're unsure **what to pray for**, simply say, "**God, please help me pray according to Your will.**" Trust that **Jesus and the Holy Spirit are interceding for you!**

12 - (421-432)

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Jesus Builds His Church (Matthew 16:18)

- 421: The Bible describes the Church as a body, a building, and a bride.
- 422: Jesus is the one who builds the Church.

Prayer and Mission (Matthew 18:19; Mark 16:15)

- 423: QQ United prayer has power when believers agree on earth, and God answers from heaven.
- 424: QQ The Church's mission is to preach the Good News to the world.

Prayer and Ministers (Mrk 11:17)

- 425: Jesus said God's house was meant to be a house of prayer.
- 426: God gives ministers to the Church to help Christians grow and equip them to help others.

Call to the Ministry (2 Corinthians 9:7)

- Church is supported by the tithes and offerings of those it ministers to.

Giving Back to God (Malachi 3:10)

- 429: The tithe is one-tenth of one's income, which belongs to God and supports the Church's ministries.
- 430: Abraham was the first person in the Bible to pay tithes, and he gave them to Melchizedek.

Giving with Joy (Proverbs 3:9)

- 431: Offerings are gifts given in worship or devotion to God in addition to the tithe.
- 432: Christians worship on Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, because He fulfilled the Sabbath.

God's Plan and Holy Spirit

Bible Verse

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart."... – Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT)

Story

Liam's teacher gave each student a **special role** in the class play. "I picked these roles just for you," she said. "I know your strengths, and I believe in you!"

That night, during family devotions, Liam's dad read **Jeremiah 1:5**, where God tells Jeremiah, "**I knew you before you were born and set you apart for My purpose.**"

Liam tilted his head. "So, God had a plan for Jeremiah before he was born?" "Yes!" Mom said. "And He has a plan for **each of us too**. God made you for a **special purpose**, just like in your play."

Dad continued, "And do you know what helps us **live out God's plan**? The **baptism in the Holy Spirit! In the New Testament church, when people were baptized in the Holy Spirit, the initial physical evidence was speaking in tongues.**"

Liam's eyes widened. "Why did speaking in tongues happen?"

Mom explained, "It was a **sign of God's power** in their lives. When the Holy Spirit filled them, they spoke in other languages they had never learned. It showed that **God was working through them!**"

Liam grinned. "So, God knows **His plans for me**, and the **Holy Spirit gives me the power to follow them?**"

"Exactly!" Dad said. "The Holy Spirit helps us **grow in faith, share Jesus with others, and live the life God planned for us!**"

Faith Connection

God told **Jeremiah** that He **knew him before he was born** and had a **special plan for him**—just like He does for us! The **baptism in the Holy Spirit** helps us **live out God's purpose** with boldness and power. The **New Testament shows that speaking in tongues** is the **first physical sign** of being **filled with the Holy Spirit**, reminding us of **God's presence and power**.

Discuss It How does knowing that **God has a plan for you** make you feel? Why do you think **speaking in tongues** was the first sign that people were **filled with the Holy Spirit**?

Prayer Dear God, thank You for **knowing me and having a plan for my life**. Fill me with **Your Holy Spirit** so I can live for You, grow in faith, and follow Your purpose. Amen.

Live It This week, **pray and ask God to help you follow His plan** for your life. Also, read **Acts 2** to learn more about how the Holy Spirit filled believers and gave them power to share the gospel!

Making the Right Choices

Bible Verse

"Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?" – 2 Corinthians 6:14 (NLT)

Story

Noah and his friend Liam were working on a science project together. Liam wanted to rush through it and skip important steps, but Noah wanted to do it correctly. "If we don't follow the instructions, our experiment won't work," Noah said.

That night, during family devotions, Noah's dad read **2 Corinthians 6:14, which says Christians should not team up with unbelievers. "This means that when we choose close relationships—like marriage—we should find someone who shares our faith."**

Noah tilted his head. "Why does that matter?"

Mom smiled. "Because if one person wants to follow God and the other doesn't, it can make life harder. Just like in your science project, if two people have different goals, they won't work well together."

Dad continued, "And do you know another important truth? **It's not a sin to be tempted—sin happens when we give in to temptation.**"

Noah's little sister, Emma, frowned. "So, it's okay if I really want extra dessert, but it's wrong if I sneak it when Mom says no?"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "Even Jesus was tempted, but He never sinned. He used God's Word to resist."

Noah grinned. "So, we need to choose the right people to be close to, and we need to **say no to temptation** when it comes?"

"Yes," Dad said. "God gives us wisdom to make good choices, and He helps us resist sin when we ask for His help."

Faith Connection God's Word tells us to **team up with other believers** in important relationships, like marriage, so we can encourage each other in faith. The Bible also teaches that **temptation is not a sin**—sin only happens when we **give in to temptation**. With God's help, we can make the right choices!

Discuss It Why do you think God tells us not to team up closely with unbelievers? How can we resist temptation when it comes?

Prayer Dear God, help me to make wise choices in my friendships and relationships. Teach me to **resist temptation** and follow Your ways every day. Amen.

Live It This week, think about a **temptation you face**—like wanting to lie or be unkind. **Pray and ask God to help you resist!** Also, thank God for the **believers in your life who help you grow in faith**.

Recognizing Temptation

Bible Verse

"For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world." – 1 John 2:16 (NLT)

Story Mia and her brother, Max, went to the store with their mom. As they walked through the toy aisle, Max saw a new action figure he really wanted.

"Mom, can we get this?" he asked.

Mom shook her head. "Not today."

Max pouted. He really wanted it! Then, he had a thought: *What if I sneak it into my backpack?*

That night, during family devotions, their dad read **1 John 2:16**, where the Bible talks about **three common temptations**:

1. **Craving for physical pleasure** – Wanting bad things that feel good.
2. **Craving for things we see** – Wanting bad things that look good.
3. **Pride in achievements and possessions** – Thinking we are better because of what we have or do.

Max sighed. "So, wanting that toy really bad was like **craving everything I see?**"

"Yes," Mom said. "And there are **three main sources of temptation**:

1. **The devil** – Satan tries to trick us into sinning.
2. **The world** – The world tells us we need more things to be happy.
3. **Our own desires** – Our hearts want things that aren't good for us."

Max nodded. "So, when I really wanted the toy, that was my **own desire** tempting me?"

"Exactly," Dad said. "But just because you were tempted doesn't mean you sinned. **Sin happens when we give in to temptation.**"

Mia smiled. "So, when we feel tempted, we can **ask God for help** to say no?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "That's how we resist temptation and make the right choice."

Faith Connection The Bible teaches that **three common temptations** are **physical pleasure, wanting things we see, and pride in what we have**. These temptations come from **the devil, the world, and our own desires**. But we don't have to give in—**God helps us resist temptation** when we ask for His help!

Discuss It Why do you think these three temptations are so common? How can we ask God to help us resist temptation when it comes?

Prayer Dear God, thank You for helping me when I am tempted. Teach me to recognize temptation and say no, choosing what is right instead. Amen.

Live It This week, when you **feel tempted**, stop and pray. Ask God to help you **resist** and make the right choice. Also, **memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13** as a reminder that God always provides a way to say no to temptation!

Head and Foundation

Bible Verse

"Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself." – Ephesians 2:20 (NLT)

Story

Mia and her family were building a **sandcastle** at the beach. "We need a strong base so it won't fall over," Dad said as he packed the sand tightly.

Later, as the waves washed away smaller castles nearby, Mia's sandcastle stood firm. "It didn't fall because it had a strong foundation!" she said.

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read from **Ephesians 2:20**, which says that **Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Church**.

Mia tilted her head. "Does that mean Jesus is like the base of our sandcastle?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "The **Church is built on Jesus**, meaning He gives it **strength and purpose**. Without Him, it would fall apart."

Dad added, "**Jesus is also the Head of the Church**. That means He leads His people, just like a captain leads a team."

Mia smiled. "So, Jesus isn't just the **foundation** that holds everything together—He's also the **leader** of the Church?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "When we **follow Jesus**, we're building our lives on the **strongest foundation**—one that will never fail."

Faith Connection

The **Bible teaches that Jesus is both the Head and the Foundation of the Church**. As the **Foundation**, He **holds everything together** and gives it **strength**. As the **Head**, He **leads His people** and shows them how to live. When we **follow Jesus**, we are part of His Church, built on a **foundation that will never fail!**

Discuss It

Why do you think it's important that **Jesus is the foundation of the Church?**

How does Jesus, as **the Head of the Church**, guide His people?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for being the **foundation and leader of the Church**. Help me to **follow You** and build my life on **Your unshakable truth**. Amen.

Live It

This week, think of ways you can **follow Jesus as your leader**—by reading the Bible, praying, or showing kindness to others. Remember, **Jesus is the strong foundation that holds everything together!**

Church is a Body

Bible Verse

"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." – Romans 14:17 (NLT)

Story

Liam's soccer team had matching jerseys, a coach to lead them, and a goal to win games. "We're more than just players—we're a team!" Liam said proudly. That night, during family devotions, Liam's dad read **1 Corinthians 12:27**, which says that **the Church is like a body, made up of born-again people who follow Jesus.**

Liam tilted his head. "So, the Church isn't just a building?"

"No," Mom said. "The Church is a body of believers—people who love and follow Jesus. We're called out from the world to be part of God's family."

Dad continued, "**And Paul describes God's kingdom as being made up of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.** That means following Jesus isn't about rules—it's about living the right way, having peace, and being filled with joy!"

Liam grinned. "So, just like my soccer team works together and has a goal, the **Church works together and has a purpose—to follow Jesus and share His love?**"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "And with the **Holy Spirit**, we can live in **peace and joy, knowing we belong to God's kingdom!**"

Faith Connection

The **Church is not a building—it is a body of born-again believers called out from the world who give their faith and allegiance to Jesus Christ.** Paul describes **God's kingdom** as being made up of **righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.** When we follow Jesus, we become part of **His family**, filled with **His peace and joy!**

Discuss It

Why is it important to remember that **the Church is the people, not the building?** How does the **Holy Spirit give us righteousness, peace, and joy** in God's kingdom?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for making me part of **Your Church.** Help me to live with **righteousness, peace, and joy** through the **Holy Spirit**, and to follow You every day. Amen.

Live It

This week, **think of ways to be part of God's Church**—like **helping at church, encouraging a friend, or sharing Jesus with someone.** Remember, **the Church is made up of people who follow Jesus!**

10 - (397-408)

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Holy Spirit is Powerful (Zechariah 4:6)

- 397: The Holy Spirit was present at creation, hovering over the waters.
- 407: QQ Zechariah teaches that God's work is done not by human strength but by His Spirit.

Holy Spirit Reveals Truth (John 16:8)

- 398: The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
- 399: The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin because people fail to believe in Jesus.
- 403: The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and makes us new when we repent.

Holy Spirit Lives in Us (Ephesians 1:13)

- 404: The Holy Spirit dwells in every Christian when they believe in Jesus
- 405: Paul told the Ephesians that the Holy Spirit is God's guarantee of our inheritance as promised long ago.

Guide and Helper (John 16:13)

- 402: The Holy Spirit guides Christians into truth.
- 406: Jesus said it was necessary for Him to go away so the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, could come.

Spirit Filled Life (John 16:14)

- 400: The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus.
- 401: The Spirit-filled life is marked by joy, contentment, victory over sin, power to share the gospel, and a desire to know God and His Word.

Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4)

- 408: God first baptized believers in the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

Holy Spirit is Powerful

Bible Verse

"It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord." – Zechariah 4:6 (NLT)

Story

Liam and his dad were flying a kite at the park. "The wind is strong today!" Liam said as the kite soared high.

His dad smiled. "Even though we **can't see the wind**, we can see what it does—just like the **Holy Spirit**."

That night, during family devotions, Liam's dad read **Genesis 1:2, which says that at creation, the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters. "The Holy Spirit was there from the beginning, helping bring order to creation."**

Liam tilted his head. "So, the Holy Spirit was part of making the world?"

"Yes," Mom said. "And God's Spirit still works today! **Zechariah 4:6 teaches that God's work is done not by human strength but by His Spirit.**"

Dad continued, "Sometimes we try to do things on our own, but **real power comes from God**. Just like the wind lifts a kite, **God's Spirit gives us strength to do His work.**"

Liam grinned. "So, when we trust God, His Spirit helps us, just like the wind helps the kite fly?"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "We don't have to rely on our own power—**God's Spirit is always with us!**"

Faith Connection

The **Holy Spirit was present at creation**, bringing order and life. **Zechariah teaches that God's work is done not by human strength, but by His Spirit**. Just like the wind helps a kite fly, **God's Spirit gives us power to do His work!**

Discuss It

Why do you think God wants us to rely on **His Spirit** instead of our own strength? How does knowing that **the Holy Spirit was present at creation** help us trust His power?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for Your Holy Spirit, who was there at creation and still works in my life today. Help me to rely on Your strength, not my own. Amen.

Live It

This week, when you **face something hard**, remember **Zechariah 4:6**—God's power, not our own, helps us succeed. Pray and **ask the Holy Spirit to give you strength!**

Purpose of the Holy Spirit

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 1:8 (NLT)

Story

Emma's parents gave her a flashlight for their camping trip. "This will help you see in the dark," her dad said.

Later that night, Emma realized she had the flashlight but forgot to put in the batteries. "It won't work without power!" she said.

That night, during family devotions, Emma's dad read **Acts 1:8**, where Jesus told His disciples, "**You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.**"

Emma tilted her head. "So, the Holy Spirit gives us power like batteries give power to a flashlight?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "**The baptism in the Holy Spirit helps us know Christ better, understand God's Word, and gives power share Jesus with others.**"

Dad continued, "And when people are **baptized in the Holy Spirit, the first physical sign is speaking in other languages** as the Spirit enables them."

Emma's eyes widened. "Why would the Holy Spirit help people speak in other languages?"

Mom explained, "It's a **sign of God's power**, just like at Pentecost when the disciples spoke languages they had never learned. It shows that the Holy Spirit is working in a special way."

Emma smiled. "So, just like my flashlight needs power to work, we need the **Holy Spirit's power** to follow Jesus and tell others about Him?"

"Exactly!" Dad said. "And the Holy Spirit is always ready to help us shine brightly for Jesus."

Faith Connection The **baptism in the Holy Spirit** helps us **know Christ better, understand God's Word, and boldly share Jesus with others**. The **initial evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in other languages** as the Spirit enables. Just like a flashlight needs power to shine, **we need the Holy Spirit's power to live for Jesus!**

Discuss It Why do you think the **Holy Spirit gives us power** to share about Jesus? How does speaking in **other languages** show that the Holy Spirit is working?

Prayer Dear God, thank You for the **gift of the Holy Spirit**. Fill me with Your power so I can **know You better, understand Your Word, and boldly share Jesus with others**. Amen.

Live It This week, **pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit**. Take time to **read Acts 2** and think about how the Holy Spirit gives us **power to live for Jesus!**

Receiving the Holy Spirit

Bible Verse

"Peter replied, 'Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" – Acts 2:38 (NLT)

Story

Liam's dad gave him a **membership card** to the local swimming pool. "Now you can go swimming anytime!" his dad said.

Liam was excited, but when he got to the pool, a lifeguard told him, "You have to take swim lessons before you can go in the deep end."

Later that night, during family devotions, Liam's dad read **Acts 2:38**, where **Peter told the people at Pentecost to repent, turn to God, and be baptized in Jesus' name to receive the Holy Spirit.**

Liam tilted his head. "So first they had to **repent and turn to God**, and then they could receive the **Holy Spirit**?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "Peter was telling them how to start following Jesus. But there's something else—**Paul later asked believers if they had received the Holy Spirit since they believed.**"

Dad continued, "**That means the baptism in the Holy Spirit is different from salvation.** We are saved when we believe in Jesus, but we can also **receive the Holy Spirit's power after we believe.**"

Liam grinned. "So, it's like getting my **pool membership first**, but then **taking swim lessons to go even deeper?**"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "The **baptism in the Holy Spirit helps us grow stronger in our faith** and gives us **boldness to share Jesus.**"

Faith Connection

Peter told the people at Pentecost to **repent, turn to God, and be baptized in Jesus' name to receive the Holy Spirit.** Later, Paul explained that the **baptism in the Holy Spirit is separate from salvation**—it gives believers **extra power to live for Jesus and share the gospel.**

Discuss It

Why do you think Peter told the people to **repent and turn to God** first? How does the **baptism in the Holy Spirit** give us **extra power to follow Jesus**?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for saving me and giving me the gift of the **Holy Spirit.** Help me to follow You closely and receive the **power of the Holy Spirit** so I can live boldly for You. Amen.

Live It This week, **pray and ask God for more of His Spirit in your life.** Take time to read about **Pentecost in Acts 2** and think about how the Holy Spirit gives believers **boldness and strength to follow Jesus.**

Holy Spirit Reveals Truth

Bible Verse

"And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment." – John 16:8 (NLT)

Story

Emma was playing outside when she saw her little brother, Max, take a cookie from the jar after Mom said no. "Max! You're going to get in trouble," she warned.

Max looked down. "I know... I already feel bad about it."

That night, during family devotions, Emma's dad read **John 16:8**, which says the **Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.**

Emma tilted her head. "What does 'convict' mean?"

"It means the **Holy Spirit helps us see when we've done something wrong,**"

Mom explained. "Just like Max felt bad after taking the cookie, the Holy Spirit **convicts us of sin** so we can turn back to God."

Dad continued, "One of the biggest reasons the **Holy Spirit convicts people is because many don't believe in Jesus. He helps them see that they need a Savior.**"

Max looked up. "So, feeling bad about sin isn't just guilt—it's God helping us do the right thing?"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "When we **repent**, the **Holy Spirit makes us new** and helps us live for Jesus."

Emma smiled. "So, the Holy Spirit doesn't just tell us we're wrong—He helps us change!"

Faith Connection

The **Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.** He shows people they **need Jesus**, and when we **repent**, He **makes us new.** The Holy Spirit doesn't just show us what's wrong—**He helps us change and live for God!**

Discuss It

Why does the Holy Spirit convict people of sin? How does the Holy Spirit help us after we repent?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for sending the **Holy Spirit** to help me see right from wrong. Convict me when I sin, and help me to turn back to You and live in Your truth. Amen.

Live It

The next time you feel **convicted** about something wrong, stop and **pray.** Ask the Holy Spirit to help you **repent and make the right choice!**

Holy Spirit Lives in Us

Bible Verse

...*"And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago."* – Ephesians 1:13 (NLT)

Story

Max got a new bike for his birthday. His dad handed him a small card and said, "This is the receipt. It proves this bike belongs to you."

Max grinned. "So, no one can take it away because I have proof it's mine?"

That night, during family devotions, Max's dad read from **Ephesians 1:13-14**, where **Paul told the Ephesians the Holy Spirit is God's guarantee of our inheritance and promised long ago.**

Max tilted his head. "What does 'guarantee' mean?"

Mom smiled. "It's like proof or a promise that something belongs to you. When we believe in Jesus, **God gives us the Holy Spirit** to live inside us as proof that we belong to Him."

Dad continued, "**The Holy Spirit dwells in every Christian when they believe in Jesus.** He is **God's way of saying, 'You are mine forever!'**"

Max's eyes widened. "So, the Holy Spirit is like my bike receipt—**proof that I belong to God?**"

"Exactly!" Mom said. "And because the Holy Spirit lives in us, **we can always know that we are God's children.**"

Faith Connection

The **Holy Spirit dwells in every Christian** when they believe in Jesus. **Paul told the Ephesians that the Holy Spirit is God's guarantee**—a promise that we **belong to Him and will receive eternal life.** Just like a receipt proves something belongs to us, **the Holy Spirit proves we are God's forever!**

Discuss It

Why do you think God gives us **the Holy Spirit** as proof that we belong to Him? How does knowing **the Holy Spirit lives in us** help us trust God's promises?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving me the **Holy Spirit** as proof that I belong to You. Help me to trust Your promises and live for You every day. Amen.

Live It

This week, **thank God for the Holy Spirit** and remember that He is always with you. When you feel unsure, **remind yourself that you belong to God, and nothing can change that!**

Power of the Spirit

Bible Verse

"And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability." – Acts 2:4 (NLT)

Story

Emma's family was hosting an exchange student from another country. At first, it was hard to communicate because they spoke different languages. But with time and effort, they learned some words from each other. "It would be amazing if I could suddenly speak their language right away!" Emma said.

That night, during family devotions, Emma's dad read from **Acts 2**, where the **disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. "As they were praying, the Holy Spirit came, and they began speaking in different languages—languages they had never learned before!"**

Emma tilted her head. "Why did the Holy Spirit make them speak different languages?"

Mom explained, "It was a miracle! There were people from all over the world in Jerusalem, and because of this, **everyone could hear about Jesus in their own language.**"

Dad continued, "**And do you know what the disciples were doing when the Holy Spirit came? They were praying!** They were waiting for God's promise, and He filled them with power to share the gospel."

Emma's eyes widened. "So, the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak new languages so they could tell people about Jesus?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "And today, the **Holy Spirit still fills believers**, giving us the power to **share the gospel, live boldly, and grow in our faith.**"

Faith Connection

On **Pentecost**, the disciples were **praying when they were baptized in the Holy Spirit.** The **Holy Spirit filled them and gave them the ability to speak in different languages** so they could share Jesus with people from all over the world. The Holy Spirit still helps us today, giving us power to **live for Jesus and tell others about Him!**

Discuss It

Why do you think the disciples were **praying when the Holy Spirit came?** How does the **Holy Spirit give us power** to share about Jesus today?

Prayer Dear God, thank You for sending the **Holy Spirit** to fill me with Your power. Help me to **pray and trust You**, knowing that Your Spirit will guide me and help me share Jesus with others. Amen.

Live It This week, spend **extra time in prayer**, just like the disciples did. Ask God to **fill you with His Spirit** so you can be bold in sharing Jesus and living for Him!

11 - (409-420)

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Power of the Spirit (Acts 2:4)

- 409: QQ The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.
- 410: The disciples were praying when they were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Receiving the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)

- 411: QQ Peter instructed the people at Pentecost to repent, turn to God, and be baptized in Jesus' name to receive the Holy Spirit.
- 412: The baptism in the Holy Spirit is distinct from salvation, as Paul asked believers if they had received the Spirit since they believed.

Purpose of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)

- 413: The purposes of the baptism in the Holy Spirit are to help us know Christ better, understand God's Word, and give us power to witness.
- 414: Speaking in other languages [tongues] as the Spirit enables is the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Church is a Body (Romans 14:17)

- 416: The Church is a body of born-again people called out from the world who have faith in and give allegiance to Jesus Christ.
- 417: Paul describes God's kingdom as being made up of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Head and Foundation (Ephesians 2:20)

- 418: Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church.
- 419: Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Church.

God's Plan and Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 1:5)

- 415: Speaking in tongues is the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, following the pattern of the New Testament Church.
- 420: Jeremiah 1:5 proclaims God's value and plan for our lives by declaring that God knew us before we were born and set us apart for His purposes.

Guide and Helper

Bible Verse

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth."... – John 16:13

Story

Mia and her family were visiting a new city. They had a **tour guide** who led them to all the best places and explained everything. "Without a guide, we'd be lost!" Mia said.

That night, during family devotions, Mia's dad read **John 16:13**, where Jesus said **the Holy Spirit guides Christians into truth**.

Mia tilted her head. "So, the Holy Spirit is like a guide for our lives?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "He helps us understand God's Word and follow Jesus the right way."

Dad continued, "**Jesus also said that it was necessary for Him to go away so the Holy Spirit could come**. When Jesus was on earth, He could only be in one place at a time, but the Holy Spirit is with **every believer, everywhere, all the time**."

Mia's eyes widened. "So, even though Jesus isn't physically here, the Holy Spirit helps us **know and follow Him**?"

"Exactly," Mom said. "That's why the Holy Spirit is called the **Advocate**—He helps, teaches, and reminds us of Jesus' truth."

Faith Connection

Jesus said it was **necessary for Him to go away** so the **Holy Spirit** could come. The **Holy Spirit guides Christians into truth**, helping us understand God's Word and follow Jesus. Just like a **tour guide** shows the way in a new place, the **Holy Spirit leads us in our faith journey** every day.

Discuss It

Why do you think Jesus said it was **necessary for Him to leave** so the Holy Spirit could come? How does the **Holy Spirit guide us into truth** in our daily lives?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for sending the **Holy Spirit** to guide me into truth. Help me to listen to Him and follow Your way every day. Amen.

Live It

This week, when you need to make a choice, **ask the Holy Spirit for guidance**. Remember, **He is always with you, leading you into truth!**

Spirit-Filled Life

Bible Verse

"He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me." – John 16:14 (NLT)

Story

Emma loved watching fireworks on the Fourth of July. "Look how bright they are!" she said as they lit up the sky.

Her dad smiled. "Fireworks **shine to celebrate something special**, just like the **Holy Spirit shines a light on Jesus** in our lives."

That night, during family devotions, Emma's dad read **John 16:14**, where Jesus said, "**The Holy Spirit glorifies Me.**"

Emma tilted her head. "What does **glorify** mean?"

Mom explained, "It means to **point to something great**. The Holy Spirit helps people see **how amazing Jesus is** and reminds us to **follow Him.**"

Dad continued, "When we live a **Spirit-filled life**, it changes how we act. The Bible says that **the Holy Spirit gives us joy, contentment, victory over sin, power to share the gospel, and a desire to know God and His Word.**"

Emma grinned. "So, when the Holy Spirit is in us, our lives shine for Jesus?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "Just like fireworks **light up the sky**, the Holy Spirit helps us **light up the world with Jesus' love.**"

Faith Connection

The **Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus**, meaning He helps people see **how amazing Jesus is**. A **Spirit-filled life** is full of **joy, contentment, victory over sin, boldness to share the gospel, and a hunger to know God's Word**. When we let the Holy Spirit lead us, our lives **shine for Jesus!**

Discuss It

How does the **Holy Spirit glorify Jesus** in our lives? Which part of the **Spirit-filled life** do you want to grow in the most?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for giving me the **Holy Spirit** to help me live for Jesus. Fill my life with **joy, contentment, and boldness to share Your love**. Help me to shine for You! Amen.

Live It

This week, **look for ways to glorify Jesus**—whether by sharing kindness, reading your Bible, or telling someone about Him. **Let your life shine for Jesus!**

Day of Pentecost

Bible Verse

"And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability." – Acts 2:4 (NLT)

Story

Liam was excited for his soccer game, but when he got there, he felt nervous. His coach noticed and said, "Remember, I'm here to **help and guide you**. Trust your training and play with confidence!"

That night, during family devotions, Liam's dad read about **Pentecost** from **Acts 2:1-4**. "**Jesus told His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit, and on the Day of Pentecost, God baptized the believers in the Holy Spirit.**"

Liam tilted his head. "What happened when they got baptized in the Holy Spirit?"

Mom explained, "A **mighty wind** filled the room, and **flames like fire** appeared above them. They **began speaking in different languages**, and people from all over the world heard about Jesus in their own language!"

Dad continued, "Before this, the disciples were afraid. But after the **Holy Spirit filled them**, they had **power to share the gospel** boldly."

Liam smiled. "So, just like my coach gave me confidence to play, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples confidence to tell people about Jesus?"

"Yes!" Mom said. "The **Holy Spirit gives us strength, wisdom, and boldness to live for Jesus today.**"

Faith Connection

On the **Day of Pentecost, God baptized believers in the Holy Spirit** for the first time. The **Holy Spirit gave them power and boldness** to share Jesus with the world. Today, the Holy Spirit **still helps us live for Jesus with confidence!**

Discuss It

Why do you think Jesus told the disciples to **wait for the Holy Spirit**? How does the **Holy Spirit help us today**?

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for sending the **Holy Spirit** to help me live for You. Fill me with Your Spirit so I can **share Your love and truth boldly**. Amen.

Live It

This week, pray and ask God to **fill you with the Holy Spirit** so you can live boldly for Him. Look for **opportunities to share Jesus** with someone, just like the disciples did on Pentecost!