

Large Group

The Holy Spirit Changes Us

Bible Passage: Galatians 5

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:22-23

Big Picture Question: How does the Holy Spirit help Christians?

The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He gave His disciples a mission: share the gospel with the whole world. He promised that the Holy Spirit would give them power to complete this mission. The disciples prayed together and waited for the Holy Spirit to come. Then they replaced Judas with Matthias. Finally, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples as Jesus promised. He filled them with power, and they began to speak in many languages. The Holy Spirit would help them be Jesus' witnesses in all the earth. Today, we will learn that anyone who trusts in Jesus and receives the Holy Spirit is changed to live for Him and be His witness.

Today's Lesson

Paul lived by following the Holy Spirit. He was not perfect, but he wanted to obey God and be His witness to tell other people about Jesus. Why did Paul write a letter to the Galatians? [Allow responses.] Some people were telling them what was not true about salvation. Paul wrote to remind them that salvation only comes through faith in Jesus. We are not saved by following laws or commands. Our sins are forgiven because of Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross.

Paul wrote that Jesus gives His followers the Holy Spirit. Does the Holy Spirit have power to change us? How? [Allow responses.] The Holy Spirit changes how we live and act by giving us power to obey God. God's Spirit changes us so we can obey and glorify Him.

Paul told the Galatians to live by following the Spirit. When we follow the Holy Spirit, we are given power to turn away from sin. The Holy Spirit makes good fruit grow in our hearts. What is the fruit of the Spirit? [Allow responses.] The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

When we give our hearts to Jesus, the Holy Spirit can begin to grow this fruit in our hearts. Like a fruit grows from seed, growing the fruit of the Spirit takes time. But when this fruit grows in our life, we show others the changing power of the Holy Spirit in us.

Christ Connection I The Holy Spirit changes our minds and hearts so that we want to obey God, and He gives us power to obey. The Holy Spirit guides us as believers as we live out God's mission for us to share the gospel in all the world.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Galatians 5: 1, 13-14, 16-18, 22-25

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.