

BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit helps us.

GOD STORY

Peter and John Share the Good News of Jesus (Acts 4:1–31)

KEY VERSE

"The Holy Spirit...will help you and always be with you." (John 14:16b, CEV)

MUSIC

"Holy Spirit" (The Meeting House Kids Music)

1 | Start

SUPPLIES

- Furniture and household items
- Sticky notes
- Writing supplies

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Use furniture and items from around your home to set up a fun obstacle course.
- On the sticky notes, print the names of people the children can tell about Jesus. Place the notes around the course.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Lead the children through the obstacle course.
- b. Prompt them to collect the notes along the way.
- c. At the end of the course, tell everyone that in today's story from the Bible, Peter and John are excited to tell others about Jesus!
- d. Explain that we can tell people about Jesus, too.
- e. Read aloud the names on the notes, then ask the children if they can think of anyone else whom they'd like to tell about Jesus.
- f. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help the children talk about Jesus with others.

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

 Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Large piece of craft paper (or the back of wrapping paper)
- Writing supplies
- People cutouts
- Glue or tape

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

 If you aren't re-using supplies from a previous week, print the Big Idea (The Holy Spirit helps us) in the middle of the paper.

TIP

 Save the supplies and add more people each week during the Help series.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Remind the children that the Holy Spirit helps
 us be kind, share, help and love others, and so
- b. Ask: Do you know someone who needs help? Who is it? How could we help them?
- c. Write the children's replies on the people cutouts.
- d. Help them stick their cutouts onto the paper.
- e. Pray together for these people and ask for the Holy Spirit's help!
- f. Hang the paper where you'll be reminded to pray during the week.



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Share Good News activity pages
- Writing and colouring supplies
- (Optional) Scrap paper

TIP

 You could write the names on a piece of scrap paper for the children to copy or write them in a light-coloured marker that can be traced over with a darker one.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child an activity page.
- b. Place the writing and colouring supplies where they can be shared.
- c. Read aloud the text on the page.
- d. Discuss who the children could talk with about Jesus. For ideas, refer to the people you chatted about after doing the obstacle course.
- e. Direct the children to draw a picture of themselves with one of these people.
- f. Help them write the name of the person they drew on the page.
- g. Display the page as a reminder to talk to that person soon!

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Media player
- "Holy Spirit" from The Meeting House Kids Music

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Read aloud the Key Verse for the Help series.
- b. Say the verse together a few times.
- c. Play the song and lead your family to move and dance around to it.
- d. Pause the music and say the verse together: "The Holy Spirit...will help you and always be with you." (John 14:16)
- e. Keep playing the music then pausing it and saying the verse for as long as the children are interested.