



BIG IDEA

God blesses us as his children by giving us the Holy Spirit.

GOD STORY

Blessed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13–14)

KEY VERSE

We have been set free because of what Christ has done. Because he bled and died our sins have been forgiven. (Ephesians 1:7a, NIRV)

1 | Conversation Starter

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- To lead into today's teaching, discuss:
 - What's the best gift a parent has ever given you? Why was it so great?
 - God, our heavenly Father, also gives us gifts. What kinds of gifts do you think he gives us?
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **God blesses us as his children by giving us the Holy Spirit.**
- Chat about who or what the kids think the Holy Spirit is.
- Explain that God is always with his children. Sometimes, people say we have "Jesus in our heart." In truth, Jesus sits at the right hand of God in Heaven. The Holy Spirit works through us, helping up to become more like Jesus!

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

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

3 | Discuss & Pray

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review and discuss the video teaching:
 - What stood out to you in today's Life Story? How about the God Story?
 - What is today's Big Idea? (**God blesses us as his children by giving us the Holy Spirit.**)
 - How does the Big Idea connect with the stories?
- Pray, "Dear God, thank you so much for sending Jesus to earth to show us your love, show us how to live, and rescue us from sin by dying on the cross. Thank you that he didn't stay dead, but instead, he rose back to life. And thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit! Thank you that we can receive this gift as we commit to being followers of Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen."



4 | Activity

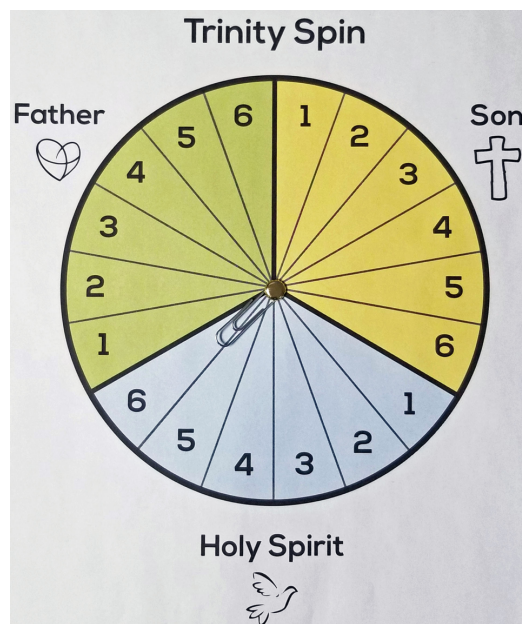
SUPPLIES

- Bible
- Trinity Spin Game activity page
- Trinity Spin Questions activity page
- Brad
- Paper clip

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review:
 - Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - What is the Trinity?
- Remind the kids that the Trinity is our best explanation of the relationship between God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Note that Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit. We can read about this promise in the book of Acts.
- Look up and read aloud Acts 1:4–9.
- Read verses 4, 5, and 8 again to highlight them.
- Give each of your kids both activity pages, a brad, and a paper clip.
- Demonstrate how to push the brad into the middle of the circle and attach the paper clip spinner (see sample photo).

- Play the game together. Take turns spinning and answering questions. Read the question from the page that matches the number that's spun.





5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign

TIPS

- The text below is the Key Verse with actions replacing more and more words each time you repeat it.
- Keep going if your kids would like to make up their own actions!

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Read aloud the Key Verse then flip over the sign.
- b. Explain that you will repeat the verse but instead of saying some of the words, you'll do actions. When you finish the verse, you'll ask the kids which words you missed.
- c. Read aloud the verse and do the actions described in brackets, pausing after each round to let the kids respond:

We have been [cross your arms in front of your chest in an X, then open them up like doors being opened] because of what Christ has done. Because he bled and died our sins have been [thumbs up]. Ephesians 1:7a

We have been [cross your arms in front of your chest in an X, then open them up like doors being opened] because of what [stand with arms out so your body is in the shape of a cross] has done. Because he bled and died our sins have been [thumbs up]. Ephesians 1:7a

We have been [cross your arms in front of your chest in an X, then open them up like doors being opened] because of what [stand with arms out so your body is in the shape of a cross] has done. Because he bled and died our [thumbs down] have been [thumbs up].
Ephesians 1:7a

We have been [cross your arms in front of your chest in an X, then open them up like doors being opened] because of what [stand with arms out so your body is in the shape of a cross] has done. Because he bled and died our [thumbs down] have been [thumbs up]. [Hold hands together and open like holding a book]

- d. Lead the kids to say the verse and do all the actions with you.
- e. Keep practising it as a family this week!