

Lesson 25: Living by God's Spirit

[Romans 8:9-17](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/Wl186DyRjcs>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/CllolKRXGK0>

Worship Theme: The Holy Spirit lives in us.

Memory Verse: "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."
(Romans 8:14)

Songs (Youtube links):

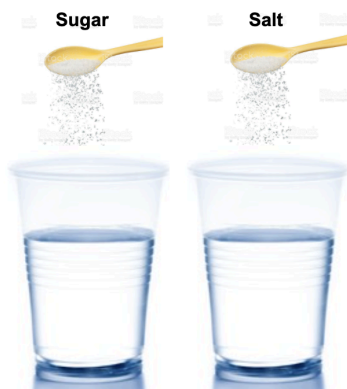
1. When the Spirit of the Lord <https://youtu.be/RODHIMCRzw4>
2. I sing praise to the Lord <https://youtu.be/1th9e8PKFxs>
3. Lord I worship You <https://youtu.be/1C4guXZFdAw>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Same or Different?

Materials Needed: 2 cups, water, salt, sugar



1. Pour water into two cups. In one cup, add salt. In the other cup, add sugar
2. Ask the children if they see anything different about the drinks.
3. Ask 2 children to come to taste the drinks and explain how they taste.
4. The child who drank the salty water will say that this drink does not taste good. The child who drank the sugar water will say that it tastes sweet.
5. Explain to the children that when God's Spirit lives in us, we might not look any different than anyone else on the outside, but there is a big difference on the inside. When we trust in Jesus, God's Spirit sweetens our lives!

Introduction:

Can you tell me what's inside of your body? (Let the children answer: heart, lung, blood, muscles, etc.) Did you know that for all people who believe in God, there is something inside of them that helps them to become good Christians? Can you guess what it is? (Let the children answer). Yes, it is the Holy Spirit. Even if you can't see it, like the sugar or salt in the water, God's Spirit lives in us. Think about it. It's an amazing thing—the God who is bigger than the entire universe cares about little people like you and me! Not only does God care, he comes to live in us!

Bible Story:

Paul is a very faithful apostle in the bible who wrote 13 of the 27 New Testament books in the bible. One day, he was thinking about how he finds himself making wrong choices when he really wants to make good choices. Then, he realized that if Christians try to be good by themselves, they will always fail. They will find themselves being unkind, rude, jealous, selfish, greedy, and more.

In Romans 8, Paul explains to us how God helps Christians to make good choices. Paul teaches that when we believe in Jesus, he gives us the gift of his Spirit. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit is a helper, a comforter, and a teacher. The Holy Spirit is our constant companion who gives us hope and strength.

When we live by God's Spirit, we are able to turn from sin and be cleansed from sin through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Plus, we also are adopted as children of God!

During the bible time, an adopted child wasn't in any way inferior to a natural child. They were equal.

Paul was glad to be adopted by God through his faith in Jesus. Paul also knew that through the Holy Spirit that lives in him, he can overcome the temptations of sins. We can do the same. We don't have the power to be good boys and girls. But we have the Holy Spirit who always helps us to make good choices and be good Christians.

Think about it. The Creator of the universe, the God who spoke the world into existence, lives in us! What an amazing truth! All we need to do is believe in God and trust him. As children of God, we can be assured that God's Spirit lives in us.

Questions to discuss:

1. Who comes to live in us when we believe in God? (The Holy Spirit)
2. What does the Holy Spirit do when it comes to live in us? (The Holy Spirit helps us to have godly heart and give us power to fight against the temptations of sins)
3. Who can have the Holy Spirit come into their hearts? (Anyone who believes in God who sent his Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and resurrected so that we may have eternal life in heaven)

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Craft: The Holy Spirit

Materials Needed: Paper plates, scissors, glue, pens



1. Give a plate to each child and have them draw the body of the dove on the plate in the center.
2. Cut the two sides to be wings, and cut out the body of the dove.
3. Glue the ends of the two sides together to make wings
4. Draw eyes on the body of the dove. Glue the body of the dove in the center of

the wings.

5. Whenever you see this dove, remember that the Holy Spirit lives in you always!

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Pray this prayer today: "God, you did more than forgive me. You accepted me. I can hardly believe you think of me as your child. Help me to trust this and try my best to live as a new person. Strengthen me through the power of the Holy Spirit today." As you prepare to teach young children, remember that you are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with you.