



Who Is He?

Focus The Holy Spirit was given to us by the Father. He glorifies Jesus, convicts us of sin and speaks to us. We need to be best friends with the Holy Spirit.

Open What are the most important characteristics to you of a best friend?

- Talk**
1. In what ways do you feel like God has been a friend to you?
 2. Have you ever thought it would be great if Jesus were still here on the earth? Read John 16:7. Why do you think He said it was better if He goes away and if the Holy Spirit is with us instead?
 3. Read John 14:16, John 14:26 and John 15:26. If the Father gave us the Holy Spirit and Jesus said it is better if He is with us than Jesus Himself, do you think He is important? Why do you think the Father and the Son speak so highly of the importance of the Holy Spirit?
 4. Read John 16:8–9. Have you ever felt convicted of sin? Did you know it was the Holy Spirit? Why is the Holy Spirit's role in this so important?
 5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:3. If you've been saved, you've heard the Holy Spirit speak to you. Take two full minutes to be quiet and for each person to reflect on when they got saved. Take time to recall what you felt in your heart—this was the Holy Spirit's voice. Now, share another time you remember hearing that same voice. It also was the voice of the Holy Spirit.

6. A Greek word used to describe the Holy Spirit is “Parakletos,” which means Helper, Intercessor, Counselor, Advocate or Comforter. Have you ever asked God for help, comfort or counsel? Tell about a time you felt like God the Holy Spirit helped you, comforted you or gave you counsel.
7. Read Galatians 5:22–23. One way to know if a person is truly filled with the Holy Spirit (versus just being a weird person who is doing weird things) is to measure their actions with the Bible. Tell about someone in whom you have seen these fruits or evidence of the Holy Spirit in them?

Live

1. How do you develop a close friendship with someone? How can you apply those same things to developing a close friendship with the Holy Spirit?
2. Did you grow up in a church that taught about the Holy Spirit or has the Holy Spirit been somewhat of a mystery to you? How can you encourage one another as a group to read and study more about what the Bible says regarding the Holy Spirit?

Pray

Read John 16:12–13. Pray that the Holy Spirit would lead us into all truth and that we would each grow in our friendship with the Holy Spirit.