

BIBLE PASSAGE

John 14:15-26

LIFE POINT

The Holy Spirit teaches Christians how to live.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin.

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BIBLE VERSE

The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you. John 14:26 (CSB)

The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26 (KJV)

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26 (NIV)

The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
John 14:26 (ESV)

The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
John 14:26 (NKJV)

SCHEDULE AND PROPS**Huddle Ups** (optional)

Supplies (for each small group):

- “Follow and Obey”—10 sticky notes, marker
- “Red, Yellow, Green”—painter’s tape

Countdown Video (3 minutes)

Props: none

Worship Song (3 minutes)

Props: none

Welcome and Prayer (5 minutes)

Props: none

True2Life Drama (or *Mooseberry video*) (3-5 minutes)

Props: table, various school supplies including a ruler, pencils, 2 backpacks, and check lists of school supplies

Connection Point Game

(10 minutes)

Props: 4 balloons (different colors), painter’s tape

Worship Song (3 minutes)

Props: none

Bible Story (10 minutes)

Props: Bible

Worship Song and Offering (3 minutes)

Props: none

Connection Point Bible Verse (5-8 minutes)

Props: none

Connection Point Missions (5-8 minutes)

Props: none

Real Life Connections (3-5 minutes)

Props: none

MUSIC AND MEDIA

- **Countdown:**
Countdown video
- **Worship Song:**
“Holy God (Holy, Holy, Holy)”
- **Welcome and Prayer:**
Life Point and *Bible Verse* slides
- **True2Life Drama:**
Mooseberry Life Application video (optional)
- **Connection Point Game:**
Connection Point Game slide
- **Worship Song:**
“Amazing Power”
- **Bible Story:**
Bible Story and *Christ Focus* slides; *Notebook Bible Story* video (optional)
- **Worship Song and Offering:**
Worship song of your choice
- **Connection Point Bible Verse:**
Connection Point Bible Verse and *Bible Verse* slides
- **Connection Point Missions:**
Connection Point Missions and *Connect to Missions* slides
- **Real Life Connections:**
Real Life Connections, *Real Life Questions*, and *Life Point* slides

HUDDLE UPS (OPTIONAL)

Huddle Ups are for churches that have a drop-off time before the session begins or a pick-up time as parents arrive at the end of the session. It's a great time for interaction with a small group leader through games, conversations, or review questions. Play the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups and the beginning of the session.

- ➔ Estimated time: varies according to schedule
- ➔ Tech: none
- ➔ People: Small Group Leaders
- ➔ Supplies (*for each small group*):
 - “Follow and Obey”—10 sticky notes, marker
 - “Red, Yellow, Green”—painter’s tape

HUDDLE UP: PRE-SESSION “FOLLOW AND OBEY”

Prep: Write 1 simple (silly) task per sticky note: Take 3 baby steps with your eyes closed; Shake hands with 3 people; Do 6 toe touches; Sing!; Take 2 giant steps backward; Make a silly face; Cluck like a chicken; Quack like a duck; Whistle; Swim around the room. Hide the notes around the Huddle Up area.

- Explain that there are 10 notes hidden around the Huddle Up area.
- Challenge kids to find the notes and obey the instructions written on each note.
- Give kids time to complete the tasks.
- Mention that the activity required the kids to obey some silly instructions.
- Comment that God’s instructions are never silly, and people should always obey God’s Word! Tell kids that the Holy Spirit helps people know when they do wrong and teaches Christians how to live.
- Watch for the countdown video to signal the end of Huddle Ups. Guide your small group to join the others to begin worship.

HUDDLE UP: POST-SESSION “RED, YELLOW, GREEN”

Prep: Tape a start line and finish line on opposite sides of the Huddle Up area.

- Review the Life Point: **The Holy Spirit teaches Christians how to live.**

- Ask: “What do you know about the Holy Spirit?”
- Guide kids to stand along the start line while you stand on the finish line.
- Tell kids to move according to your commands:
 - Red light—Stop.
 - Yellow light—Move in slow motion.
 - Green light—Walk forward.
- Say: “Green light,” and begin the game.
- Randomly call other commands as kids move.
- Play until a child reaches the finish line.
- Lead kids to return to the start line and play again.
- Explain that a traffic light can remind kids of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps you know when it is OK to do something (*green light*), warns you when trouble is ahead (*yellow light*), and tells you to stop when something is sin (*red light*).
- Remind kids that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world today.

COUNTDOWN VIDEO

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Countdown Video*
- ➔ People: none
- ➔ Props: none

(Play countdown video to signal the beginning of worship time. Kids will count aloud as they join the large group.)

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (*optional*)
- ➔ Music: “Holy God (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)” (*lead sheet available on DVD-ROM*) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

Hello, boys and girls! I am excited for us to worship together. We worship God because He is *holy*. What does it mean to be holy? (*Allow for responses.*)

To be *holy* means “to be set apart.” God is perfect. He is perfectly good, right, and fair. God is worthy of all our worship and praise! Let’s stand and sing about God’s holiness.

(Show the music video.)

(Kids stand to sing.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

- ➔ Estimated time: 5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Life Point* and *Bible Verse* slides
- ➔ People: Bible Study Leader
- ➔ Props: none

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

Hi, everyone! Are you having a fun summer? Who is ready to go back to school? *(Allow for responses.)*

You learn lots of things at school! Who are some people who teach you at school? Who teaches you at home? What other teachers do you have? *(Allow for responses.)*

Christians have a very special teacher—the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would be our Helper. He helps believers know what is right and wrong and helps us pray. Also, the Holy Spirit convicts people of sin. That means that the Holy Spirit helps Christians know when they disobey God.

(Show Life Point slide.)

The Holy Spirit teaches Christians how to live. Say that with me: **“The Holy Spirit teaches Christians how to live.”**

Today’s Bible verse tells us another way the Holy Spirit helps us. He reminds us of the things that Jesus taught. Let’s say together John 14:26.

(Show Bible Verse slide—select preferred version.)

(Lead kids to read your preferred version.)

BIBLE VERSE (SELECT PREFERRED VERSION):

- The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you. John 14:26 *(CSB)*

- The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26 *(KJV)*
- The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26 *(NIV)*
- The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. John 14:26 *(ESV)*
- The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26 *(NKJV)*

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come, and He did! Let’s thank God for sending us a Helper. After we pray, we will check in with the True2Life team *(or the Mooseberry kids)*.

God, we thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be our Helper. Thank You that He teaches us what is right and wrong, helps us pray, and lets us know when we disobey. Please help us listen to the Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

TRUE2LIFE DRAMA

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Mooseberry Life Application* video *(optional)*
- ➔ People:
 - Lucy: a preteen Christian
 - Ava: Lucy’s little sister
- ➔ Props: table, various school supplies including a ruler, pencils, 2 backpacks, and check lists of school supplies
- ➔ Prep: Scatter the school supplies on the table.

Lucy and Ava stand at the table and pack their backpacks for school.

Ava: Do you see the ruler?

Lucy: Yes, here’s one. I don’t think I need one this year. How many pencils do you need?

Ava: I think I need 12.

Lucy: Here you go. I can't believe school starts in a couple of weeks! This summer went by so fast!

Ava: It's been too fast, but I think I'm ready for school to start. I'm planning to have a great year. I already know what to do.

Lucy: What do you mean?

Ava: Well, I've decided that this year I will make amazing grades, no matter what I have to do. I'm also planning to have a ton of friends. I think I have figured out how to be super popular, and I'm doing it.

Lucy: You'll make "amazing grades, no matter what." Really? Do you mean that?

Ava: Lucy, you know how important grades are. I'll find the smartest person in the class and ask her to "help me" get good grades. I've been practicing looking at other people's papers. I won't do it every time! Just when I can't remember the answers.

Lucy: You know that's cheating, right?

Ava: I might not even need to do it. It's just an option.

Lucy: And what did you mean that you have "figured out how to be super popular"?

Ava: People want you to be a certain way. They may want you to talk about other people, or not talk to others. I'll just figure out what the popular kids want me to do, and do it. Easy peasy.

Lucy: Ava, I don't think that's a great plan. All of those things are the opposite of what God wants you to do. You just told me a whole list of sins that you plan to do.

Ava: Are you sure?

Lucy: I'm positive. Cheating on your schoolwork, being mean to other kids, and doing what your friends want just to be cool are all things that don't please God.

Ava: I never thought of it that way. Maybe that's why I started feeling a bit weird when I was telling you about it.

Lucy: That was probably the Holy Spirit.

Ava: The Holy Spirit?

Lucy: God sent the Holy Spirit to teach Christians how to live. I think that uneasy feeling you felt was the Holy Spirit convicting you of sin.

Ava: You're right. I know those things aren't what God would want. I just really wanted this year to be different.

Lucy: Ava, you'll have a great school year! Keep getting to know God and spending time with Him. The Holy Spirit will lead you the way GOD wants you to go.

Ava: It's good to have the Holy Spirit as our Helper ... and it's good to have a big sister.

(The girls hug and exit.)

(END SCENE)

CONNECTION POINT GAME

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Game* slide
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, 4 kids
- ➔ Props: 4 balloons (*different colors*), painter's tape

GAME INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Tape a start line on the floor.*
- *Tape a finish line on the opposite side of the game area.*
- *Choose 4 kids.*
- *Give each child a balloon.*
- *Instruct each child to inflate his balloon and hold the end tightly.*
- *Challenge each child to stand on the start line and aim his balloon toward the finish line.*
- *Direct kids to release the balloons and observe where they land.*
- *Congratulate any child whose balloon crosses the finish line.*
- *Invite each child to retrieve his balloon and try again.*

- Continue as your time allows.
- **Allergy alert:** Be aware of severe latex allergies.

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Game slide.)

Today's game is a little crazy! Who would like to play? (Choose four kids. Give each player a balloon.)

Players, each of you will inflate your balloon and hold the end tightly. Then you will stand on the start line and aim your balloon toward the finish line. When I say: "Go," let go of your balloon. Let's see whose balloon makes it across the finish line!

Do all of you understand how to play? (Answer any questions and play the game.)

Whoa! Those balloons went in many directions! How difficult was it to make the balloon go where you wanted? (Allow for responses.) The balloons didn't follow the path you wanted. They went everywhere!

Sometimes we can be like those balloons. We do whatever we want and forget to follow God's plans. That's why God sent the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is our Helper, and He guides us to do the things that God wants us to do. After we sing, we will hear more about the Holy Spirit and how He helps us.

WORSHIP SONG

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Music video, mics for singers, lights (optional)
- ➔ Music: "Amazing Power" (lead sheet available on DVD-ROM) or download a worship song of your choice
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

John 16:13 says that the Holy Spirit will help us know what is true. He leads us to remember what the Bible says and guides us to do what is right. Let's sing, and then we will hear more about Him.

(Show the music video.)

(Lead kids to sit as song ends.)

BIBLE STORY

- ➔ Estimated time: 10 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Christ Focus and Bible Story* slides; *Notebook Bible Story* video (optional)
- ➔ People: Bible Study Leader
- ➔ Props: Bible

Option 1: Tell the following Bible story.

Option 2: Play the *Notebook Bible Story* video.

Option 3: Tell the Optional Bible Story available on the DVD-ROM. This session's optional Bible story: "The Holy Spirit Came," Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-12.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

(Show Bible Story slide.)

Let's play a quick game. I'll name three things, and you guess what they have in common. (Read each set of words and lead kids to respond.)

- cat, dog, goldfish (pets)
- sunny, rainy, snowy (types of weather)
- soccer, checkers, basketball (types of games)
- Father, Son, Holy Spirit (the three persons of God)

In the Bible, God is shown as God the Father, God the Son (*Jesus*), and God the Holy Spirit. We call this the *Trinity*—three in one!

Today's Bible story is about God the Holy Spirit. I think you may be surprised by all of the ways that He helps Christians!

(Open Bible to John 14.)

One day Jesus talked with His disciples. He taught them many things about God and His kingdom.

(Read John 14:15-17.)

"If you love me, you will keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth."

Jesus told the disciples that soon He would leave. The disciples did not understand what He meant. Jesus explained that He would come back to them, and in the meantime, God would send a Comforter to be with them. The Comforter is the Holy Spirit.

(Read John 14:25-26.)

“I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.”

(Close Bible.)

(Show Christ Focus slide.)

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come. Jesus explained that the Holy Spirit would teach Christians how to live and remind them of the things He had said.

The Holy Spirit comes to live within those who trust Jesus as Savior and Lord. Through the Holy Spirit, God acts to reveal His will, helps Christians tell others about Jesus, and helps them know how to live in ways that honor God.

The Holy Spirit also lets Christians know when they are guilty of doing wrong. He convicts Christians of sin so they can ask forgiveness and make things right. The Holy Spirit also helps people who are not Christians by leading them to recognize their sin and by encouraging them to trust Jesus.

Whew! The Holy Spirit does a lot to help us! Does anyone remember one way that the Holy Spirit helps? (Allow for responses.)

Good remembering! The Holy Spirit is our Helper, leading believers to do what is right!

WORSHIP SONG AND OFFERING

- ➔ Estimated time: 3 minutes
- ➔ Tech: mics for singers, lights (optional)
- ➔ Music: Use a favorite song or download a worship song of your choice.
- ➔ People: Worship Leader and/or Worship Team
- ➔ Props: none

WORSHIP LEADER

I am so glad that God sent the Holy Spirit to help us know when we sin and to teach us what is right. He helps us tell others about Jesus and remember Jesus' words. The Holy Spirit also leads unbelievers to trust Jesus as their Savior.

God knew that we would need help, and He sent the Holy Spirit! Let's pray to thank Him.

God, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to help us live in ways that honor You. Thank You that He convicts us of sin so we can ask Your forgiveness. Thank You that He teaches us what is right and leads us to tell others about Jesus. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Optional Giving Segment:

It's time to give an offering. Some of the money people give at church helps others learn how to live in ways that honor God. If you would like to give an offering today,

(Give your own directions for how the kids can give their offerings. After collecting the offering, guide kids to stand for the worship song.)

CONNECTION POINT BIBLE VERSE

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: Connection Point Bible Verse and Bible Verse slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader, all kids
- ➔ Props: none

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

- Select your preferred version of the Bible verse.
- Say the verse and lead kids to repeat it after you.
- Divide your preferred version of the Bible verse into 12 words and short phrases.
- Quickly form 12 groups. (**Leader tip:** Guide kids to form groups based on birthday months.)
- Assign each group a word or phrase.
- Lead each group to determine how it will say its assigned word. (For example, groups may whisper, shout, add motions, opera sing, and so on.)
- Point to each group in Bible verse order, leading the group to say its word or phrase.
- Repeat several times.
- Combine groups, forming 6 larger groups.
- Invite new group members to share their words or phrases with their new group.
- Point to each group, leading it to say both of its assigned words and phrases.

- Combine groups a third time, forming 3 large groups.
- Give new group members time to share their assigned words and phrases with one another.
- Point to each group in Bible verse order, leading them to say 4 words and phrases.
- Complete the activity by coming together as one large group and saying the verse in its entirety.

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CONNECTION POINT LEADER

It's time to say our Bible verse! Today's verse is John 14:26. Say it with me.

(Show Bible Verse slide—your preferred version.)

(Lead kids to read your preferred version.)

The Holy Spirit comes to live within those who trust Jesus as Savior and Lord. That means He is always with you! The Holy Spirit teaches Christians to do what is right and to remember the things that Jesus said. He teaches Christians how to live!

Let's quickly form some small groups and help one another learn today's Bible verse.

(Lead the activity.)

CONNECTION POINT MISSIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 5-8 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Connection Point Missions* and *Connect to Missions* slides
- ➔ People: Connection Point Leader
- ➔ Props: none

CONNECTION POINT LEADER

(Show Connection Point Missions slide.)

Anne Bagby made a public commitment to serve as a missionary when she was only 12 years old. Are any of you 12 years old? *(Allow for responses.)*

When Anne was older, the Foreign Mission Board (now the *International Mission Board*) appointed Anne as the Southern Baptist's first missionary to Brazil, and she was the Texas Baptist's first woman foreign missionary.

(Show Connect to Missions slide.)

Anne and her husband, William "Buck" Bagby, boarded a ship for Brazil in 1881. Less than two years after they arrived in Brazil, they moved a thousand miles north to Bahia. The Bagbys partnered with another missionary family and one other Brazilian Christian to begin Brazil's first Portuguese-speaking Baptist church in 1882.

The Bagbys spent their entire lives helping Brazilians know about Jesus. In 1901, they started the Brazilian Baptist School in São Paulo, where they led the school until 1919. Even after the couple officially retired from the Foreign Mission Board in 1937, they continued to live in Brazil until their deaths. Five of the Bagby's nine children also became missionaries to Brazil.

Let's thank God for missionaries like the Bagbys. We also can thank God for missionaries who still work in Brazil and other places around the world to tell the good news about God's Son, Jesus.

(Invite a child to lead the group to pray. If no one volunteers, voice a prayer yourself.)

God, thank You for the life and work of Anne and William Bagby. We praise You for the many Brazilians who heard about Jesus and chose to trust Him. Please continue to work in the lives of

missionaries who serve in Brazil and other places around the world. We pray that all people will hear the good news about Your Son, Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

REAL LIFE CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Estimated time: 3-5 minutes
- ➔ Tech: *Real Life Connections*, *Real Life Questions*, and *Life Point* slides; microphone to take to individuals in group (*optional*)
- ➔ People: Bible Study Leader
- ➔ Props: none

Lead a conversation with your kids about today's Bible story and Life Point. Show the Real Life Questions slides and discuss each question.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

(Show Real Life Questions slides.)

Today you heard about God's Holy Spirit and how He is at work in the world. Let's hear what you learned and what questions you may have about the Holy Spirit.

- Name someone who helps you.
- How does God help you?
- What do you know about the Holy Spirit?
- What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit?

(Show Life Point slide.)

The Holy Spirit teaches Christians how to live. Say that with me: **"The Holy Spirit teaches Christians how to live."**

Aren't you glad that God sent the Holy Spirit to be our Helper? I am! I'm also glad that you chose to be at church today. Come again next time and invite a friend to join you! I'll see you then!

Leader note: *If you plan to utilize the post-session Huddle Up, dismiss kids to their small groups.*