



Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and talk about their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or to only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, as natural opportunities arise.

<p><b>BIG QUESTION</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Questions</b></p>	<p>What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Heart!</p> <p>God's Holy Spirit works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible. He gives us the gift of faith in Jesus. He helps us to turn away from living for ourselves and live for God, instead. This is how we become God's people.</p> <p>But that's just the beginning of what the Holy Spirit does in God's people! He goes on living inside of them their whole lives, helping them and changing their hearts. He helps them to know God and obey His laws. He helps them to love God and others as Jesus did. He comforts them when they are sad and helps them to be brave when they are scared. He helps them know the right way to live. The Holy Spirit in our hearts is God's wonderful gift to us, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? <i>He changes their heart!</i></li> <li>2. Who works in our heart as we hear God's Word, the Bible? <i>The Holy Spirit.</i></li> <li>3. In whom does the Holy Spirit give us faith? <i>Jesus.</i></li> <li>4. How long does the Holy Spirit keep working inside of God's people? <i>Their whole lives.</i></li> <li>5. Who does the Holy Spirit help us know? <i>God.</i></li> <li>6. What does the Holy Spirit help us obey? <i>God's laws.</i></li> <li>7. How does the Holy Spirit help God's people when they are sad or scared? <i>He comforts them and helps them to be brave.</i></li> <li>8. How can we become one of God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>THE GOSPEL</b></p>	<p>What is the good news that the disciples told the crowd on that wonderful day when God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside them? What is the gospel?</p> <p><i>The LORD is the one, true God. We should all obey Him. But, we all say "no" to God and we deserve God's punishment! How sad! But, oh, how kind is the LORD! He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us! Jesus lived a perfect life. Then, He offered it up as the full payment for our sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Jesus didn't stay dead. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for God's people.</i></p> <p><i>We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, we will get to know God in our hearts, now. And one day, we will go to live with God forever. Ask God to help you trust in Jesus. He loves to answer this prayer.</i></p>

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<b>BIBLE VERSE</b>	"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
<b>Meaning</b>	We like to have our own way, and sometimes we choose to go against God's good ways to do what we want. This is called sin, and it comes from deep inside us in our hearts. We need new hearts, alive with love for God, if we are to be God's people. Only God can give us new hearts. His Holy Spirit lives inside us and changes our hearts, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.
<b>Discussion Questions</b>	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who can give us a new heart? <i>God.</i></li> <li>2. What is the new spirit He can put in our heart? <i>His Holy Spirit.</i></li> <li>3. Why do we need God to put His Holy Spirit in our heart? <i>He is the only one who can change our heart from wanting to just have our own way to loving and living for God.</i></li> <li>4. What is the big Bible word for wanting to have our own way, instead of wanting God's way? <i>Sin.</i></li> <li>5. What can we ask God to help us to do? <i>To turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i></li> <li>6. Who will God send to live in our heart if we do? <i>He will send the Holy Spirit to live in our heart. He helps us to know and love God, and live for Him.</i></li> </ol>
<b>BIBLE STORY</b>	<b>The Case of the Heart Helper</b>
<b>Discussion Questions</b>	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What did Jesus show and tell people for three years? <i>He showed them what God was like and did many amazing things. He told them about God and that He was the Messiah, the special one sent to save God's people from their sins.</i></li> <li>2. What did Jesus gather together his special friends, the disciples to tell them? <i>That it was time for Him to suffer and die and go back to heaven.</i></li> <li>3. Why were the disciples sad and scared when they heard Jesus was going away? <i>They were sad because they always wanted Jesus to be with them. They were scared because they didn't know who would tell them about God and help them live for Him when Jesus left.</i></li> <li>4. Who did Jesus promise would come and help them when He left? <i>God's Holy Spirit.</i></li> <li>5. Where would the Holy Spirit live? <i>Inside of them, in their hearts.</i></li> <li>6. What did Jesus do as He suffered and died on the cross? <i>He took all the punishment for God's people's sins so they wouldn't have to.</i></li> <li>7. Who rose from the dead after He died? <i>Jesus did!</i></li> <li>8. What did Jesus do for forty days after He rose from the dead? <i>He walked and talked with His disciples, telling them many more things about God.</i></li> <li>9. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do right before He went up to heaven? <i>To go to Jerusalem and wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.</i></li> <li>10. What special things did God do when He sent them the Holy Spirit that first time? <i>He filled the room with a strong wind and had something that looked like fire appear over their heads! Wow!</i></li> <li>11. What good news did the disciples tell others after the Holy Spirit came to live in their hearts? <i>They told others how they could have Jesus as their Savior and could also receive the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit, living in their hearts.</i></li> <li>12. How can we become one of God's people? How can we have the Holy Spirit live in our hearts? <i>We can turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins and send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts.</i></li> </ol>